

Garden City Parks & Tree Board Minutes of Meeting

Date: March 22, 2016

Call to Order: David Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 5:46 pm.

Members present:

<input type="checkbox"/> Y	David Miller	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	Mike Ramsey	<input type="checkbox"/> N	JD Klempa – Dist. Forester
<input type="checkbox"/> Y	Pat Geier	<input type="checkbox"/> N	Larry Scheuchzer		
<input type="checkbox"/> Y	John Brennaman	<input type="checkbox"/> N	David Coltrain		
<input type="checkbox"/> Y	Ed Sattler	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	Andy Liebelt - Liaison		

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Mike Ramsey and seconded Pat Geier to approve the agenda as corrected to change the month from November to February . Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Pat Geier and seconded by John Brennaman to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

Fund Report:

- A. General Account - \$40,710.71
- B. Tree Trimming and Landscaping Account - \$68,789.50. Some money can carry forward to 2017 if not expended in 2016.
- C. Tree Account - loans and rebates:
 - a. Tree Loans – \$2550
 - b. Tree Rebates - \$0

Staff Report

A. Report on current department issues

1. **Museum parking lot** – Poured concrete today. Waiting for a few trees. Zoo has AZA inspection on May 24-26. Should be done by then.
2. **Memorial Tree** – Went to Nazarene church.
3. **Fansler Field** – Need to seed around fence and get electrical breaker box set up to run pumps. Fertilized – all but done. Will let them on outfield next Monday.
4. **Lightner Stadium** - Artificial turf is installed, nets up, speaker system in, pads behind backstop and nets in front of dugouts are done. Need to seed common areas between fence, parking lot and stadium.
5. **Poster Contest** – Garden City has the state winner. Andy attended Tree City USA on March 24th. It was our 38th year of participation. Poster winner, Madison, was unable to attend. Madison and her family will meet with Governor Brownback in Topeka on April 22nd. The Board will pay for the family’s fuel and meals for the trip and Kansas Forest Service will pay for their room.
6. **Arborist Breakfast** – There were 11 people in attendance from 4 or 5 local companies. Terri also attended.
7. **Butterfly Project**– Installed irrigation at Forest Park Lake. 1 acre of irrigation with quick couplers. Will reduce irrigation after establishment.
8. **Citizens Academy** – Anthony presented for Parks department.

9. **Seasonal** – Interviews underway.
10. **Pre-Emerge application** – First application of pre-emerge is down without dye at both cemeteries. Used Dimension – 20oz/acre for both. 2.5 gallon does 2 acres at the cemetery for \$530. Next application will run off fertilizer application in May.

VI Committee Reports

A. **Recommended Tree Report** - David Miller is now working 6 days per week as a mail carrier. He will send an email for meeting.

VII Unfinished Business

- A. **Arbor Day Poster Contest** - 2 trees to plant \$300 + \$100 both at Bernadine Sitts. Andy will schedule time for planting on April 29th with school. Andy will ask Mayor Doll if she can attend and read the proclamation.
- B. **Sunflower Trail** – Other board recommendations by Deane Wiley/high school and other connectivity trail to loop around Tangeman with Talley Trail. Andy would recommend concrete. Future trail to Southeast Community Park may qualify for Sunflower Grant in the future.
- C. **Bernard Chappel** has made arrangements to move trees from nursery to park in his development on east Mary street.
- D. **Subsurface Irrigation Possible Project** – Trying to work out an irrigation project for subsurface on the new bike path between Campus and Target on Kansas Ave.

VII. New Business

- A. **City Ordinance** – Want to delete “commercial spraying” because it duplicates licensure from state. Motion was made by Pat Geier and seconded John Brennan to request the governing body to remove “commercial spraying” from 94-2. Motion Carried.
- B. **Arborists** - Concern with identification of vehicles is cost of commercial tag. Andy would like arborists to post temporary sign at job site. Board is neutral on requiring temporary signage. There was a discussion on if arborists required to carry a license?

IX. Announcements.

- A. None

Scheduled next meeting – The next meeting will be April 19th.

Adjournment – Motion was made by Mike Ramsey and seconded by John Brennan. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:35 pm.