

**CITY OF GREEN LAKE PARK & RECREATION/
TREE BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 15, 2025**

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Chairman Jon McConnell. Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silent meditation.

Certification of Open Meeting Law: Agenda was posted January 10, 2025 & Amended Agenda posted on January 13, 2025.

Roll Call: Amy Gerstein, Katie Bratton, Jon McConnell, Steven Siders & Susan Kinas. Also Present: Public Works Director Jason Carley & Elaine Houser

Agenda: Statement by McConnell to move B, C, & D of new business. Motion made by Siders, second by Kinas to approve the agenda with changes. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion made by Siders, second by Kinas to approve the Minutes of December 18, 2024. Motion carried.

Financial Statement: Motion made by Siders, second by Kinas to receive the Financial Statement for December 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report: Jon McConnell gave an oral report. Campspot is live and reservations are being booked. New software is working well. The google account for the campground is currently off and will open mid-February. Upgrades to the camp house have been completed. City will be going to referendum in April 2025 for an operating referendum.

Public Works Director's Report: Jason Carley states nothing new to report.

Review of Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan: Houser provided background information to committee members.

2025 Annual Goals: Houser reported on Capital Improvement Goals and reminder to continue to focus on items that can be accomplished. Gerstein recommends the tennis courts be addressed. Bratton & Kinas would like to see upgrades made to Highknocker Park playground equipment. Kinas also requests wharf expansion and Deacon Mills list completed. Siders would like to see a restroom facility in the beach area, campground boat launch area upgrades, tennis courts and new lighting for the softball field. Siders and McConnell agree canoe/kayak launch to be installed within the waterway system and paving of parking lots. Houser reminds committee members to prioritize safety items over special interest items.

Site Plan Approval: Motion by Siders, seconded by Kinas to recommend to City Council to approve the Conceptual Site Plans for Highknocker Park, Canal Street Boat Launch, Daychola Park, & Friday Club Park. Motion carried.

Report from Volunteer Coordinator: Amy Gerstein gave an oral report. Clean our Green on April 22nd for Earth Day and is meeting with the school to determine next course of action. Bob Martin has agreed to be the contact for the fence installation in Playground Park. City Newsletter includes a volunteer link. Hattie Sherwood Park & Campground Park arch will be updated with a meeting tomorrow at 11 am. Friends of the Park determined to be the volunteer program currently in place. Article in Oshkosh Foundation Magazine about Playground Pals.

Report from Public Outreach/Donation Coordinator: Nothing for this month.

Boat Launch Rules and Fees: Carley reported he spoke with MSA about the boat launch regarding wear on the launch. No noted damage from ice shacks currently. Will continue to monitor the launch. Discussion regarding commercial boat launch fees. Siders will research commercial fees for other entities. Discussion between members regarding increase in fees.

City Park Signs: Kinas provided a report. Discussion between members regarding options for park signs. Park signs to choose from: Earl Manor without round knobs on top, Blue Whale example, Welcome to Colorado, and Loch Lon Park. Color Palette the same as the water tower. Bratton will bring examples with color pallet to next month's meeting.

Starlight Stage: Carley stated he will report next month.

Chief Highknocker Statue Update: McConnell reported on the statue will have a limestone base, river birch trees, and stone with a plaque for history.

Correspondence: Motion by Siders, seconded by Gerstein to receive the Thank you Letter dated December 19, 2024 from the Boys & Girls Club of Tri-County

Agenda Items for City Council: Site Plans

Agenda Items for Park & Recreation/Tree Board Meeting 02/19/2025: Boat Launch Fees, Prioritize 2025 goals, City Park Signs, Starlight Stage Sign & Tennis Courts.

Motion made by Siders, second by Kinas to adjourn. Motion carried. (5:06 pm)

Melissa M. Zamzow, Deputy Clerk