

**CITY OF EYOTA**  
**PARK BOARD MINUTES**  
**September 12, 2018**

**Members Present:** Jacob Schleusner, Jacob Robinson, Dom Kellen, Kim Horn, Kevin Kullot, Kurt Holst, Secretary Renee Mierau

**Members Absent:** Tyrel Clark

**Guests:** Iris Neumann, Marlis Knowlton, Nancy & Marcus Uthke, Michelle, Melissa, and Mary Connaughty.

**Call to Order:** Chair Schleusner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Approve the Agenda:** *There was a motion made by Schleusner and seconded by Robinson to approve the agenda. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried.*

**Approve the Minutes:** *There was a motion made by Schleusner and seconded by Kellen to approve the minutes of August 8, 2018 meeting. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried.*

**Park/Maintenance:**

The board members read the park updates report. Discussion was held about 2019 budget information for the parks. City Clerk/Treasurer Knowlton stated some of the items have been put in to the 2019 budget already.

**Tree Update:**

Iris Neumann gave an update on the tree plan she has been working on for Freedom Park. Since the last meeting, ran into some issues with new cable and gas lines being put in the boulevard within the last couple of months. Iris stated that she believes tree roots and the lines are compatible. She said now she is thinking maybe putting some on the south side of the sidewalk along the fence.

**Other Business:**

Michelle Connaughty spoke to the board about a donation for a plaque or bench or something honoring her father. She stated that she is open to ideas. Jake Robinson stated that the city would pick out and install what type of material that would be the most durable and maintainable. The city staff was directed to check into some prices and to check on easement. Michelle will be back at a future meeting to discuss this more. The board thanked Michelle for coming.

Marcus Uthke spoke to the board regarding his rope course Eagle Scout project that he completed at Bush Court. Kim Horn stated that she has taken some day care children there and they enjoyed it. She had asked whether or not the ropes could be longer for smaller children? Discussion was held and the board members said they would figure out the ropes. He stated that he came in under three hundred dollars from his estimate. He turned in some receipts and asked for reimbursement. *There was a motion made by Robinson and seconded by Schleusner to approve reimbursement of \$725.81 to Marcus. They asked if it could be added to the council meeting the next evening and Knowlton said yes. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried.* The board told Marcus good job and thank you.

**Discuss 2019 Goals & Budget:**

City Clerk/Treasurer Knowlton started off the discussion by saying that with the street project and fire hall addition that the minimum levy for 2019 may be increased to \$143,000; 20% more than the last change. Discussion was held. Knowlton told the board what they had in reserves. Discussed crack filling and seal-coating the path from 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to Kwik Trip. The board decided to keep the budget the same as last year and to hold off on putting away extra money for other items except to try to keep \$10,000 in for the lawn mower replacement. Items to do yet this year include: purchasing more mulch, updating the electricity at West Side Park, replace the counters at West Side inside the kitchen.

**Adjourn:** *A motion made by Horn and seconded by Robinson to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.*



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Renee Mierau, Accounting Clerk, Park Board Secretary