

**CITY OF EYOTA
PARK BOARD MINUTES
May 13, 2020**

Members Present: Jacob Robinson, Dom Kellen, Jacob Schleusner and Brandy Heaser
Council Rep: Jamie Ward present via phone. Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer

Members Absent: Bryan Cornell, Council Rep

Others present: Iris Neumann in person and Ryan Scheevel via phone.

Call to Order: Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Approve the Agenda: *There was a motion made by Heaser and seconded by Schleusner 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 March 11, 2020 meeting. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried.*

Park/Maintenance:

- a. Public Works park updates: A replacement part for West Side Park playground equipment was ordered and it was noted some other parts are no longer available. A quote for Ash bore tree treatment was acquired in 2017, did not treat trees, more discussion will be later with Iris Neumann.

West Side Park bathroom remodeling is completed. *There was a motion made by Robinson and seconded by Heaser to recommend to the Council to open the bathrooms when allowed and when playgrounds and ballfields are opened per the Governor. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried.*

It was noted that both lime for the ball fields and mulch for the play equipment areas were budgeted in 2020. Board agreed to wait to decide about purchasing the mulch, as the parks are not being used right now anyway. And to wait and talk about purchasing the lime at the end of the season.

Summer Recreation Update: The Board spoke with Summer Rec Director Ryan Scheevel in great detail about the program and logistics of having activities. Due to social distancing requirements they agreed that the WOW trips, swim bus and basketball need to be cancelled. They discussed the other activities and hoped a modified program might still be able to be offered.

There was a motion made by Robinson and seconded by Schleusner to delay the start of the program until July 6th at the earliest, if allowed and contingent on the Governor's orders and the City Council's approval. Cancel WOW, swim bus and basketball. All other activities to be modified if possible. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried.

Summer Movie Series: The first movie scheduled for June 12th will be delayed two weeks to June 26th to give them time to research getting an FM receiver to have outdoor movies, possibly at the school shown on the bus garage. *There was a motion made by Robinson and seconded by Heaser to the following: Robinson will be in charge of researching purchasing a FM receiver, not to exceed \$300 and research safe drive in movie locations and Heaser will assist. The motion was declared carried.*

TREE BOARD ADVISORY MEETING: Iris Neumann addressed the Board and provided them with her updated/revised 2020 Eyota Parks Tree Report. Neumann explained in detail her concern and plans to deal with emerald ash bore infested city trees. She also shared concerns with the way Public Works staff have been trimming and pruning park trees. She presented some ideas on continuing to plant new trees and the removal of the ash. Specific trees were identified that should be trimmed, etc.

Neumann offered to mark all the ash trees so they would be properly identified and could be prioritized for removal and cost estimates, etc. Board agreed.

2020 Eyota Parks Tree Report, see "Exhibit A".

Other Business: Knowlton noted a complaint had been received about dog owners not picking up after their dogs on the trail adjacent to Knowledge Road, could dog bag stations be installed. The Board asked if Public Works could let them know how many West Side Park dog station bags have actually been used and put this on the next agenda to discuss.

Adjourn: *A motion made by Kellen and seconded by Schleusner to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.*



Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer