



**LOUISBURG PARK AND TREE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 14, 2018**

The Park Board of Louisburg, Kansas met at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers with Chairperson Bob Bazin presiding.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Wayne Knop, Michael McClellan, and Lee Baer

City Mayor: Marty Southard

City Council Representative: Steve Town

City Administrator: Nathan Law

City Staff: Jean Carder

Recording Secretary: Rusty Whitham

Visitors: None

Item 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Michael McClellan to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Wayne Knop. Motion carried 4-0.

Item 3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Wayne Knop to approve the minutes from the April 9 and April 13, 2018 Park and Tree Board meetings. The motion was seconded by Michael McClellan. Motion carried 4-0.

Item 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Persons who wish to address the Park Board regarding items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. Any presentation is for informational purposes only. No action will be taken. None.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

Item 5: Annual Selection of Park and Tree Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Also, the Chairperson shall appointment Park Liaison's and Forest Manager positions in accordance with City Ordinance 1035.

Wayne Knop made a motion to nominate Bob Bazin as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Lee Baer. The motion passed 4-0.

Lee Baer made a motion to nominate himself as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Wayne Knop. The motion passed 4-0.

Chairman Bob Bazin made the following appointments. All appointments are for a 12 month term:

Aquatic Center Representative– Lee Baer
City Park Representative - Ernie Reinhart
Ron Weers Park Representative – Wayne Knop
Lewis-Young Park Representative – Michael McClellan
Forestry Manager Representative – Jack Kline

Item 6: Discussion concerning possible procurement of trail lights and perhaps emergency beacons at City Lake

After a brief discussion, it was the opinion of the Park and Tree Board members that further research is needed before making a determination on a trail lighting system. Steve Town mentioned that he would do some of this research. It was requested that this item be readdressed at a later date when additional information is available.

Item 7: Discussion concerning the possible improper planting of trees at L/Y Park

Staff mentioned that a complaint was made from a resident concerning the recently planted trees in L/Y Park. It was mentioned that dirt is piled at the base of the trees is too high. It was explained by staff that a volunteer group planted 5 Autumn Blaze trees in L/Y Park two weeks ago. Staff stated that the dirt piled along the base of the trees is too high and agreed that this dirt may damage or potentially kill the trees. Staff stated that Public Works is aware of this issue and will remove the dirt within a couple of days. No further comment was made concerning this topic.

Item 8: Discussion concerning Emerald Ash Borer Study

Jean Carder mentioned that Jack Kline and a member from the Kansas Department of Agriculture surveyed the community in search of an ash tree that would be used to monitor for presence of the Emerald Ash Borer. An ideal tree specimen was found along North Rockville Road on property owned by The Louisburg First Baptist Church. The church gave their approval to use their tree for an Emerald Ash Borer study. A trap was installed on the tree to determine if this pest is present in Miami County. This tree will be cut down this fall to determine if there is evidence of this pest. Below is additional information concerning the Emerald Ash Borer:



Kansas Counties Quarantined for Emerald Ash Borer: Atchison, Doniphan, Douglas, Jefferson, Johnson, Leavenworth, Shawnee and Wyandotte

The emerald ash borer is a pest of ash trees native to Asia. It was first discovered in North America in 2002 in the Detroit, Michigan, area. Since then, it has killed millions of ash trees and caused thousands more to be removed to slow its spread.

Since its initial discovery, the core area affected by the beetle has expanded. It has been detected in Ohio (2003), Indiana (2004), Illinois, Maryland (2006), Pennsylvania, West Virginia (2007), Virginia, Wisconsin, Missouri (2008), Minnesota, Kentucky, New York (2009), Iowa, Tennessee (2010), Connecticut, Kansas, Massachusetts (2012), Georgia, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Colorado, (2013), New Jersey, Arkansas (2014), Louisiana (2015), Texas, Nebraska, Delaware, Oklahoma, Alabama (2016),

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 9: Discussion concerning the 23rd Annual Fishing Derby. This event will occur on Saturday June 16, 2018.

A brief discussion occurred concerning the logistics of this event. Bob Bazin mentioned that Jack Kline and his two kids want to be judges this year. This item will be discussed again at next month's meeting.

REPORTS:

Item 10: Individual area of responsibility updates:

Bob Bazin (Chairperson) – None

Lee Baer (Aquatic Center) – None

Ernie Reinhart (City Park) – Not Present

Wayne Knop (Ron Weers Park) – Knop asked if the trail around City Lake is scheduled to be paved or resealed in the near future. Nathan Law said that the trail will be resealed this year. Knop also asked if the dugouts at L/P were done yet. He stated that we have been working on the dugouts for two years and wants to know when will this project will get completed.

Michael McClellan (Lewis-Young Park) – Not Present

Jack Kline (Forestry Manager) – Not Present

City Administrator – None

Item 10: ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Lee Baer to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael McClellan. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting concluded at 7:17pm.

Submitted by Rusty Whitham

