

## **PARKS RECREATION AND TREE COMMISSION MEETING 11/17/2022**

### **CALL TO ORDER 6:05PM**

### **ROLL CALL**

Elizabeth Yerxa- here  
Patty Hickel- here  
Cynthia White- here  
Leslie Poland- here  
Thomas Roach- here  
Madison Martin- here

### **SUBJECT**

Commissioner Joe Berger has resigned from the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission. Discussion of developing a proclamation of recognition for his time on PRT Commission at the next City Council Meeting. Joe was appointed to the PRT Commission in 2020.

**1. Update from Rotary-** December 6th Rotary will begin planting trees. There has been 3 applications for locations of trees. Including:

1 desert willow  
2 trident maple  
2 japanese elm

With a total of 10 trees to be planted. 5 on private property, 3 in parks, 2 at Thomas Roaches house.

Rotary's responsibility is to purchase the trees and have them ready.

PRT will supply them with a Chart/list of addresses and varieties for the day of planting.

A covered horse trailer is needed for transportation from Dixon nursery to Colusa. They are 15 gallon trees. Patty will be meeting with Sadie to double check the chart. Check how many stakes are needed for trees. Rotary needs confirmation of trees by November 22nd.

Discussion of adding a plaque for Rotary's 100 year anniversary at the Veterans park.

Master Gardeners and the PRT will work together with the City Crew how to properly care and grow for trees. Begin developing a Public Work Day for trees, having Richards tree service or Big T's lead the Public Work Day. They will be using the city's equipment to give an example of how to prune your own trees to the community .

**2. Status on Pickleball clinic-** NO STATUS. Egling Middle School PE is doing pickleball, kids love it. Start developing a relationship with the schools. Look into the option of a pickleball clinic at Egling.

**3. Progress on grant funding for inclusive park-** NO STATUS there are a few options for specific requirements for the grant opportunity and getting the playground equipment for the

inclusive park. Discuss the opportunity and need for an inclusive park with Superintendent Mike West. Other suggestions include, making or getting donated a raised sandbox. A Subcommittee for the Inclusive Park was formed, including Leslie Poland and Madison Martin.

**4. Update on other waterfront grants/projects-** NO STATUS still looking for funding.

**5. Updates on Heritage Tree Process-** Discussion of developing a formal ordinance for the Heritage Tree Program. Purpose of intent may include trees cannot be removed under regular circumstances, and must be at least 50 years old. Recommendations include to begin the formal process of Heritage Trees to begin with just public trees and park trees.

The Parks, Recreation and Tree Commissioners will tour and visit locations that include their top 10 favorite trees in public Colusa spaces. Requirements include a minimum 36in diameter with specific locations or addresses of trees.

**Leslie Poland will take over Joe Bergers parks.**

**Patty Hickel will take over Memorial Park.**

**ADJOURNMENT 7:28PM**

**Next Meeting January 10th 6pm- have a state of the parks report ready by January 5th.**