



Agenda

Park & Rec Meeting
City Hall – Council Chambers
Monday March 17th, 2025 - 5:15 PM

Park and Recreation

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Call to Order:

Roll Call: Cantrell, Bouska, Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgensen, Meska, Stasi

Attending:

Absent:

Approval of Minutes:

- Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the January 23rd, 2025, meeting:

Motion: 2nd:

Aye: Nay:

Welcome Cantrell back to Board:

Citizen Comments:

Parks / Cemetery Updates:

Aquatics Update:

Tree Board Update:

Trails Updates:

RAGBRAI:

Board Member Updates:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: April 2025

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Tree Board Update: Johnson stated that the tree board discussed applying for the IRA community forestry grant that was being offered through the Iowa DNR at their last meeting. Johnson explained that this grant was a non-matching grant that was available to disadvantaged communities that was mapped out on the DNR website. Johnson stated that he received quotes from both Manske’s Corner Market and Cannons Greenhouse for the tree stock. Johnson stated that they received word that the city was notified that they are a recipient for the full \$30,000. Johnson showed the board the selection of trees the tree board chose, as they can plant these trees in any city location which is different from the Trees Forever plantings they have been completing. Johnson stated with the quotes he received this will be enough to purchase t-post, watering bags, rope to tie the trees and enough money to purchase 150 trees. Johnson stated that there will be four plantings over the next two years, a spring and a fall planting in 2025 and 2026. Johnson stated that the spring planting will more than likely take place in conjunction with the United Way Day of Caring on the first Friday in May. Johnson stated that the tree board applied for the Trees Forever grant proposal this past November and submitted it along with the follow-up report for the planting they completed this past fall. Johnson stated that the results for this grant proposal come out in March, with an amount of up to \$5,000 for a fall tree planting for street boulevards. Johnson said that he applied for the tree city, designation and the growth award through the arbor day foundation.

Trails Updates: Johnson stated that they are waiting on Transco to sign the temporary construction easement so the city can bid trail segment two out. Johnson stated that they will be sealing the west asphalt trail and as much of the east asphalt trail as possible this spring.

Bench: Johnson stated that he received a memorial bench proposal to install a bench along the trail between Wings Elementary and 1st Street NE for the Muller family. Johnson stated that their neighbors, the Rechkemmers, are helping them with this and are aware of where the bench is to be located.

- Consideration of a motion approving the proposed Muller memorial bench:

Motion:	Gearhart	2 nd :	Jorgensen
Aye:	All	Nay:	None

Plantings: Johnson explained that general fund departments are making large budget cuts and that they need to be creative in saving money. Johnson presented maps of different areas to plant pollinator prairie plantings in various properties to help reduce the amount of grass mowing.

- Consideration of a motion approving the proposed prairie planting locations:

Motion:	Gearhart	2 nd :	Stasi
Aye:	All	Nay:	None

Board Member Updates: Gearhart talked about Lake Oelwein for ice skating and ice fishing.

Adjournment: 5:48 pm

Next Meeting: February 2025

Additional Information: None

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