

## City of Columbus Park Board Meeting

September 18, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

### Call to Order

Sandie Wood called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m.

### Roll Call

Members Present: Sandie Wood, Marilyn Didling, Bob Bodene, and Andrea Messina.

Members Absent: Andrew Fraley

Also Present: Council Member Denny Peterson, Public Works Superintendent Jim Windingstad, and Secretary Karen Boland.

### Approval of Minutes

Marilyn Didling made a **motion** to approve the August 21, 2014 minutes. Second by Andrea Messina. Motion was approved.

### Treasurer's Report

Park Fund ending balance	\$57,358.05
Park Capital Fund ending balance	\$17,232.49
Park Land Fund ending balance	\$ 7,869.93

### City Administrator's Report

The City Administrator was not in attendance.

### Old Business

#### a) Budget Update

The City Council approved the 2015 Parks budget presented on August 27, 2014. Sandie and Andrew attended. They received a good reception from the Council. Sandie said the Council would like creation of additional parking spaces, and will make suggestions. Public Works staff removed telephone poles from the main parking lot, which has created some additional space. Council Member Peterson said approval of the preliminary budget will occur at the Council's next meeting. Approval of the final 2015 City budget takes place in December.

#### b) Park Board Meeting Schedule

Board members discussed holding meetings quarterly. The next will be in January. Andrea is unavailable the third Thursday, so the meeting will be scheduled for the second Thursday that month, which is January 8<sup>th</sup>. Sandie Wood made a **motion** to schedule 2015 meetings on January 8<sup>th</sup>; and the third Thursdays in April, July and October. Other meetings will be held as necessary. Motion was approved.

### New Business

#### a) Hidden Park Mowing

Council Member Peterson requested allowing a larger area of Hidden Park to go without mowing. Due to lack of use, he believes it's unnecessary to mow anything more than roughly 10 feet beyond the pines near the front parking lot. Sandie Wood made a **motion** to request the City Council cut down the mowing of the majority of Hidden Park, as suggested, to 1/4 the current amount of mowing. Second by Bob Bodene. Motion was approved.

#### b) Dog Clean-Up Bag Dispensers

Jim W. suggested the Board consider replacing the dog bag dispensers currently at the park, and adding more, including one along Kettle River Blvd. He will look into more durable dispensers and costs.

At 6:10 p.m. Board members crossed the street to tour City Park.

### **Park Tour Notes – Columbus City Park**

- Yesterday 100 yards of wood chips were added to the main playground area.
- More pea rock is needed in both swing set areas.
- Additional dog clean-up bag dispensers are needed. The goal is to have one on each side of the main park, and two on the tennis-court side of the park. Existing dispensers need to be replaced.
- Ball-field equipment boxes need painting.
- New concrete work of 2014 looks good.
- The tennis courts were recently routed. Board members spoke to some users who were pleased with the courts, and very complimentary of the trail and Park.
- The timbers along the north side of the park, behind the T-ball field, have been removed.

- All playground equipment is properly installed and working.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be January 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Works Building.

#### Adjourn

Sandie Wood made a **motion** to adjourn. Second by Bob Bodene. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Boland, Recording Secretary