

**CITY OF EYOTA
PARK BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2015**

Members Present: Dianne Schmidt, Mark Winkels, Tony Nelson, Jacob Robinson, Kurt Holst, Jacob Schleusner, Kevin Kullot (arrived at 7:10 PM), and Deputy Clerk Nancy Eichman

Members Absent: None.

Call to Order: Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Approve the Agenda: There was a motion made by Schleusner and seconded by Schmidt to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion on the 2015 projects. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried.

Approve the Minutes: There was a motion made by Schleusner and seconded by Robinson to approve the minutes of January 14, 2015 meeting. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried.

Park/Maintenance:

Public Work Update: Secretary Eichman reported for Public Works that work is being completed at West Side Park of removal of Willow Trees (every other tree) along Highway 42 for mowing purposes.

SHIP Grant – Location sites of Park Benches: See, Exhibit “A.” Eichman reported that the City has been sent and awarded the SHIP Grant Contract and will be effective upon a signature by both parties. (The City Council meets on 2-12-15). The contract expires on October 1, 2015. The City must have all the projects listed in the grant completed by the deadline. Unused funds in excess of \$50 must be returned to Olmsted County Public Health Services.

After some discussion on the locations and placement of the park benches, there was a motion made by Schmidt and seconded by Kullot to recommend to the Council to approve the SHIP Grant as written for the location sites of the park benches. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried.

Summer Recreation Program:

Activities, Scheduling Times, Improving Structure in Activities:

After some discussion, Robinson suggested on giving the summer recreation employees more work hours and a raise, this would keep the staff wanting to return for another season. Also was discussed on the summer activities schedules being split into two different times. Ex: soccer and t-ball. Possibly starting one class from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM and another class at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. This could increase the number of participants. The Director would determine the activities and the times. Some advice for the Director from the Park Board was

to include in the advertising for summer recreation employees to include not only the hiring of high school students but adults as coaches. This could help with the structure of the activities and improve the program. Holst asked Winkels if the summer help was given a plan of what and how they were to teach a specific activity (a lesson plan). Winkels then handed out a sample. See, Exhibit "B."

Eichman reported to Winkels that the City would like the summer recreation program to utilize the Rolling Hills Transit Services that began at the beginning of the year. The City will keep him informed about the contacts from surrounding cities on their summer activities being offered.

Any Other Business: Discussion on 2015 projects. For lack of time, Chair Robinson suggested this be placed on the next Park Board agenda.

Eichman reported that she mailed the ball field advertising sign letters out to fifty-eight businesses on February 2, 2015. One business has already responded.

Adjourn: There was a motion made by Schmidt and seconded by Winkels to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Nancy Eichman, Deputy Clerk, Park Board Secretary