

Tuesday, February 14, 2023
5:00 p.m.Tomahawk City Hall
23 N 2nd Street**COMMITTEE
MEMBERS**JEFF KAHLE
CHAIRPERSON
TERM EXP 2025MICKEY LOKA
TERM EXP 2023STEVE BARTZ
TERM EXP 2024TIM ALBERT
TERM EXP 2025DAN SCHULLER
TERM EXP 2025CHAD GAUERKE
TERM EXP 2023SUE THOMPSON
TERM EXP 2024

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AGENDA

- A. **CALL TO ORDER**
- B. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (During this item on the agenda the Committee listens to oral comments from members of the public on non-agenda items. When speaking please state your name and limit your time to five minutes.)
- C. **MINUTES**
 - 1. October 11, 2022
- D. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 1. Washington Square Park Improvements
 - i. Updates
 - ii. Request for Proposals – Splash Pad
 - 2. Tree Committee – Emerald Ash Borer
 - 3. SARA Park Sign (Corner of Tomahawk Av and Somo Av) – Condition and Restoration
- E. **PARKS LEADSPERSON REPORTS**
- F. **NEXT MEETING**
 - 1. March 14, 2023
- G. **ADJOURN**

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1 **MINUTES OF THE PARK AND RECREATIONS COMMITTEE**

2 **City of Tomahawk**

3 **City Hall, 23 N 2nd Street**

4 **October 11, 2022**

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6 **Call to Order:** Jeff Kahle called the meeting of the Park and Recreations Committee to order at 5:00
7 p.m.

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9 **Roll Call:** Committee members present were Jeff Kahle, Mickey Loka, Dan Schuller, Chad Gauerke, and
10 Steve “Ding” Bartz. Absent was Tim Albert and Sue Thompson.

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12 Also present was Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Park Leadperson Steve Borem, and Street
13 Leadperson Nick Rosenmeier.

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15 **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

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17 **Minutes:** MICKEY LOKA MOVED to approve the minutes from September 19, 2022 and BARTZ
18 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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20 **Other Business: 1.) Washington Square Park Improvements Update(s)**

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22 **Stewardship/Federal Land and Water Conservation Grant Updates** – Clerk BARTZ stated that she does
23 not have any updates since the last meeting.

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25 **Tomahawk Together Update(s)** – Cathy Schmidt stated that they continue to work on fundraising and
26 stated that there is an anonymous group that is interested in donating. She stated that Packaging
27 Corporation of America (PCA) has an employee organization and they have made a donation of \$2,000.

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29 Schmidt stated that they are looking for a recognition wall or other way to recognize donors. She stated
30 that donors are asking.

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32 **Bierman Foundation Application** – Schmidt stated that Steve Kahle has worked with us and the meeting
33 with the Bierman Foundation went very well. She stated that they would like us to come back in January
34 to update them on our progress. She stated that one of the questions that was asked is if the City has
35 any “teeth in the game”. Clerk BARTZ stated that we have a resolution in support of the project that
36 was submitted with Federal Grant and a letter from the Mayor in support of the project if that would
37 help.

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39 SCHULLER stated that the Bierman Foundation receives many requests, and they want to see a
40 partnership between the groups. He stated that they talked a lot about what the Biermans would have
41 supported. He stated that he was encouraged by the conversations. He stated that they don’t like to be
42 the start up funding or the only funding. He questioned “How much effort is enough effort?”
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1 BARTZ stated that the types of projects that the Bierman Foundation has funded within the City of
2 Merrill are in line with our project.

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4 Kay Berg stated that Tomahawk Together has approximately \$60,000 raised so far for the playground.
5 MICKY LOKA stated that the total project costs are \$1.8 to \$2 million.

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7 Discussion followed regarding various organization to reach out to for grants and donations.

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9 Clerk BARTZ stated that she reached out to the City of Philips to find out the operating costs for their
10 newly constructed splash pad. The operation costs were absorbed into the operating costs of the parks
11 system, and they did not have budget for just the splash pad.

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13 **2.) Tree Committee – Emerald Ash Borer** – ROSENMEIER stated that there have been confirmed cases
14 of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) within the City of Tomahawk around the downtown areas. KAHLE stated
15 that we had a Tree Committee at one time that looked at EAB and developed a plan. ROSENMEIER
16 stated that he has reviewed the information that came from the Tree Committee.

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18 ROSENMEIER stated that he has spoken to Foley’s Tree Service to get a price to treat the infected trees
19 in the City. He stated that he was quoted approximately \$11 per diameter inch. (A tree with the
20 diameter of 11” would cost approximately \$110 every two years to treat.)

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22 ROSENMEIER stated that there are a number of Ash trees downtown (11 total), he suggested seeing if
23 there is an interest in saving those trees.

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25 ROSENMEIER stated that he would like to get the Tree Committee back together to discuss replacement,
26 treatment, etc. He stated that he needs some guidance on how to proceed.

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28 MICKY LOKA asked how it is determined that a tree has been infected. ROSENMEIER stated that you
29 will start to see a decline in health of the tree, and we look for “D” shaped exit holes in the tree. KAHLE
30 stated that we can look into what other communities are doing.

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32 ROSENMEIER stated that they are preemptively taking down trees but that some are too large for us to
33 take down.

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35 SCHULLER asked if there has been a community that has had success treating Ash trees or if we are
36 prolonging the inevitable.

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38 Clerk BARTZ asked what ROSENMEIER needs to proceed. He asked for help identifying and coming up
39 with a removal plan. This item will remain on the agenda.

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41 **Leadperson Report:** BOREM stated that they are working on closing up the bathrooms within the parks
42 and will be winterizing the building at 1775 Kaphaem Rd this week. He stated that they are mulching
43 the leaves in the parks and city properties and going through all the park equipment.

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1 KAHLE asked if there had been any problems or issues with park buildings this year. BOREM stated that
2 SARA Park has seen vandalism numerous times this summer. He also reported a backup with the
3 kitchen in the banquet hall during an wedding reception.

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5 **Next meeting:** The next meeting of the Park and Recreations Committee is scheduled for November 8,
6 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Clerk BARTZ requested the meeting day be changed as it is scheduled for the same
7 day as the General Election. The meeting was scheduled for November 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

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9 **Adjournment:** SCHULLER moved to adjourn the meeting and BARTZ seconded. The VOTE was
10 unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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Clerk-Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, CMC, WCMC