

Park Board Minutes of Wednesday September 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order with the following Commissioners present: Nelson (Chair), Reibe, Sagedahl, Kramer, Gilberts, Hoffland, McEachern .Also in attendance were Dee Baker, Dean Achenbach, Duane Nagel, Terry Meyer, Kathy Nelson and Kelli Tuttle.

Motion by Hoffland, second by Riebe to approve open meeting requirements.
Motion carried.

Motion by Riebe, second by Kramer to approve August 17, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

Urban Forestry Consultant Kelli Tuttle from Bluestem Forestry presented a preliminary draft of LaRiviere Park, St. Feriloe Island, and the city trees on other parks and boulevard's for the board to review. Overall she felt the tree population was in great shape. We do have a high population of Maples (45%) and while there is not a huge population of Ash trees she noted that approximately 270 should be removed because of the Emerald Ash Borer Disease. (See attached) She will be submitting another expanded report to the council and LaRiviere Park Board. Kathy Nelson also spoke about the education and historical component of the tree program in the gardens and Jaaren Riebe also suggested the city start their own municipal nursery.

The Director explained some of the new program offerings in the Fall/Winter Activity Guide sponsored by People State Bank.

Tom Nelson and Nick Gilberts spoke about the upcoming Oktoberfest and parade at St. Feriole Island.

Ivan Hoffland spoke in regards to LaRiviere Park campground which has been busy and invited everyone to see the new amenities provided by the Horse Riders at no cost to the city.

The Director gave the board a brief overview of the Hoffman Hall Building committee with the facility being projected with upgrades starting in May or June of 2012.

Motion by Hoffland, Second by Sagedahl to adjourn. Motion carried