

**MINUTES**  
**MONONA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD**  
City Hall Conference Room  
**Tuesday January 10, 2023**

**The meeting of the Park and Recreation Board for the City of Monona was called to order by Chair Wood at 6:300 pm**

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Chair Alder Doug Wood Jeff Hinz, Pat Howell, Thom Evans, Tony Gomez-Phillips, Kelly Slack, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson

**Absent:** Co-Chair Patrick DePula, Rachel Groman, Jennifer Kahl

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Minutes from the November and December meetings were not available. Staff will have ready for the February meeting.**

**Appearances**

A. None

**Unfinished Business**

A. None

**New Business**

**A. Winnequah Park Ped Path Discussion/Recommendation**

Director Anderson presented information in the packet regarding Capital Budget project with the Winnequah Park paths and indicates several options moving forward for design and construction. Discussion with the committee centered around the value and use of the Schaefer Shelter and the desire to connect multiple parts of a pedestrian path from the skate park to Fireman's Park Shelter and over to Greenway Rd and the School. **Pat Howell made a motion seconded by Thom Evans to recommend option #2 to City Council for consideration as a capital budget amendment. Motion Carried.**

**B. Purchase Recommendation of (2) Toro Mowers**

Director Anderson presented information from the packet on the status of ordering and receiving equipment and how in order to receiver mowers before the 2024 season, an order would need to be placed in quarter 1 of 2023. The committee was supportive of a recommendation to place an order for mowers since it was already scheduled for replacement in the 2023-2027 Capital Budget.

**Tony Gomez-Phillips made a motion seconded by Thom Evans to recommend purchase approval of (2) Toro Mowers. Motion Carried.**

**C. Winnequah Park Tree Planting Discussion/Recommendation**

Director Anderson presented options for tree planting in the Spring of 2023. The committee discussed the locations and were supportive of a multi location area approach to tree planting for the 2023 season.

**Tony Gomez-Phillips made a motion seconded by Jeff Hinz to proceed with option #4 indicated in the packet for general location of tree plantings for 2023. Motion Carried.**

**D. San Damiano 2023 Work Plan – Tree Removal**

Director Anderson presented reports from consultant MSA and a certified arborist consultant of 11 hazard trees located at the San Damiano property and recommended removal of the trees over winter. The committee discussed the balance of providing habitat trees for birds, but considered these trees potentially in the way of safe use of the park and consensus was to approve the removal of the dead/hazard trees. **Jeff Hinz made a motion seconded by Kelly Slack to approve removal of the 11 trees identified in the packet at the San Damiano property. Motion Carried.**

### **Director's Report & Questions to Staff from Committee**

A. Jake Anderson – Parks & Recreation Director.

**Updates/Discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Efforts**  
None

**Friends of San Damiano/Steering Committee Reports**  
None

### **Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn by Thom Evans seconded by Jeff Hinz was carried at 8:51 pm.**