

**City of Minnetonka Beach**  
**Park Commission Quarterly Meeting Minutes**  
*August 6, 2013*

**Members Present: Chair Patty Rezabek, Commissioners; Amy Johnson, Jody Sperduto, Rick Manning, David McNichols, and Robb Ball**

**Staff Present: City Clerk Diane Tiegs**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION PLAN/ PARTY RESPONSIBLE</b>
<b>Call to Order 7:12</b>		Chair Rezabek
<b>Approve Agenda</b>		
<b>Approve Minutes</b>		
<b>Election of Officers</b>	Park Commissioners discussed the chair position. Chair Rezabek stepped down and the Commissioner decided to elect co-chairs.	Park Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Co-Chairs Jody Sperduto and Amy Johnson for 2013-2014.
<b>Review Action Items</b>		
<b>Maintenance:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arcola landing erosion project update – David Boschwitz</li> </ul>	The work has started with buckthorn and prickly ash removal along with trash. Small flags will be placed to indicate where new tree planting locations. Currently the plan is to place 18 Staghorn Sumac and 8 Dogwood trees to help alleviate the embankment erosion. Three Rivers Park District will deliver plants to the project on Wednesday August 14 <sup>th</sup> . Planting of the trees will begin on Thursday August 15. The project is funded through donations and checks can be made payable to the City. The donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be provided by Minnetonka Beach. There will be approximately 10-20 volunteers each day to help with the project.	David Boschwitz
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buckthorn spraying and removal</li> </ul>	Prairie Restorations will spray for buckthorn and noxious weeds not to exceed \$850 in the fall.	Chair Rezabek
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Milfoil removal and lake weed removal</li> </ul>	Ryan Breon and Kelly Jackson continue to do a great job with the beach clean-up. Commissioner Johnson said the lake looked good and compares to about the same as last year this time.	Chair Rezabek

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Park clean up</li> </ul>	<p>Chair Rezabek and Public Works Director Young walked Ray Peters Park. Chair Rezabek stated there is a need for brush clean-up. Commissioner Sperduto questioned the necessity for cleaning of the interior woods because it is a natural habitat. This could be why residents do not volunteer to help. It should look like a natural unspoiled habitat.</p> <p>Chair Rezabek and Tom Huston have a list of trees for removal or trimming with an estimated cost of \$5200.00. The old willow tree near Helen Lindsay needs to be removed due to disease and is unsafe. Critical trees need to be addressed this year.</p>	Chair Rezabek
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beach commons repair</li> </ul>	AJ's Property Maintenance brought sand to the beach commons to repair a washout from one of the summer storms. The approximate cost will be \$200.	City Clerk Tiegs
Library Update	Johnson small groups, good readers, but not the best attendance. Next year switch to afternoon time. Working to promote the history of the beach next year.	
<b>Commissioner &amp; Other Reports</b>	<p>Chair Rezabek, City of Minnetonka has a forestry department – community EAB workshop at the community center in Minnetonka Weds Aug 7:15-8 p.m. Panel discussion. Jody will attend.</p> <p>EAB is 15 miles away from MN Bch.</p>	
<b>New Business</b>	The Commission inquired if any Planning Commission surveys indicated a need for early teen park equipment. City Clerk Tiegs responded no.	Park Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed 2014 Budget</li> </ul>	Tree removal and stump grinding need more funds. Mayor asked if all of the 2013 budgeted funds will be spent. Chair Rezabek stated yes. Mayor Anderson suggested Chair Rezabek provide the rest of this year's expenditures to Council to show funds are already committed for the rest of the year and challenges her to find the funding for the rest of this year.	Chair Rezabek
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Handicapped Swing</li> </ul>	There may be a need for a handicapped swing at Half Moon Park. Investigate if there are ADA funds available for purchase of a swing.	Park Commission
<b>Old Business</b>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review CIP</li> <li>• EAB Management Plan and Education</li> </ul>	<p>Confirm that CIP funds can be used for the EAB project which is the removal, replacement, treatment, and stump grinding? City Clerk Tieggs will confirm that information.</p> <p>Chair Rezabek reviewed the latest results on chemical treatment for EAB. She will find out if other cities have started to treat EAB and she explained the EAB awareness project of identifying ash trees and placing ribbons on them for visual awareness to residents.</p>	<p>Motion made by Commissioner McNichols and seconded by Commissioner Sperduto to authorize possible changes to the CIP to be made by Commissioner Rezabek depending on what the CIP funds can be used for.</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Ball and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to create a visual awareness of emerald ash borer destruction by identifying ash trees with ribbons as a visual for public education. Motion passed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dock Language Review</li> </ul>	<p>Chair Rezabek reviewed the proposed dock language discussions from the spring of 2010 to current language. Chair Rezabek will work with Staff to review and summarize the language. Commissioner Sperduto reviewed the history of the dock language and the Council approval process. Dock Committee member Lee Goehring reviewed the history of the dock installation at the beach. Physically the beach is the same area but the view has changed due to docks having canopies added to their boat slips. Commissioner Sperduto stated that the Park Commission does not want canopies at the beach and the Dock Committee wants dock owners to have the option to install a canopy. Commissioner Sperduto stated the Parks Commission was not included when the decision was made by Council regarding docks, canopies, and additional slips. Commissioner Sperduto said a canopy, you don't get people pulling up to those docks and using it for fishing. A plain dock other people will use.</p> <p>Lee Goehring February language....dock agrees to have all the docks connected, but if residents don't have canopies and want to they should have the option. Mayor stated the slips are an asset, beach is an asset but does not make money for the beach. The is part of the revenue string. Boathouse that is an open hearing thing. Dock/park have issues. The council is divided and the only way to resolve is to have an open hearing. Ball stated there has been a reasonable</p>	

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	compromise with docks from what parks has requested in February.	
<b>Calendar dates</b>	<p>Thank you to Commissioner Manning for recycling landscape and plantings from the Ryan residence and installing at the fire lane.</p> <p>Next Park Commission is October 8, 2013, at 7 p.m. Council Liaison Mayor Anderson thanked the Commissioners for all their hard work and dedication.</p>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.	Motion made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Manning to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Tiegs, City Clerk