

CITY OF MONROE
PARK BOARD MINUTES
March 21, 2019

Call To Order

Chairperson Tami Kinney called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:07pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Tami Kinney, Daniel Enrico, Ron Petrick, Jessie Robinson, Michael Stanger

Board Members Absent: Devlin Piplic, Steve Whalen

Agenda Revisions – None

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Michael Stanger and seconded by Jessie Robinson to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Audience Participation – None

Unfinished Business – *Heritage Tree Nominations Review* – Board members reviewed the heritage tree nominations that were received by staff. A total of 9 nominations were considered. Motion made by Jessie Robinson and seconded by Michael Stanger to accept the nine Heritage Tree nominations for 2019. Motion carried 5-0. The 2019 Heritage Trees will be publicly announced at the April 26 Arbor Day celebration at Lake Tye Park. Tami Kinney offered to work with City staff to develop a brochure guide of the heritage trees including a map marking locations of the trees.

New Business – *Park Review – Wales Street Park* – The Board reviewed the Park Plan snapshot of the park. It was noted that a playground renovation as planned in the 6-year CIP could activate more use in the park as it serves a dense neighborhood. The Board generally agreed that designs for future playgrounds should incorporate unique features when possible to distinguish playgrounds from each other, adding interest and encouraging exploration of the entire park system.

Lewis Street Park Play Equipment Replacement – Park Board members reviewed the agenda bill background and options as presented by Director Farrell. Board members unanimously agreed that Option # 4 featuring the Traverse Wall offered the most inviting and challenging activity features, appears to accommodate the widest range of age interests and abilities. Motion made by Jessie Robinson and seconded by Ron Petrick to recommend Lewis Street Play Equipment Replacement Option #4. Motion passed 5-0.

Staff Reports/Updates – Director Farrell distributed copies of the department updates from February and March that included information and updates about activities, projects and park events. Also distributed the 2018 Park Board Annual Report summary.

Board Discussion – *Arbor Day Celebration – Tree City USA Award Presentation* – Board members discussed the upcoming Earth Day & Arbor Day celebration to be held on Friday, April 26 at 1:15pm at Lake Tye Park. The event will include the announcement of the 2019 heritage trees, presentation of the Tree City USA award to Mayor Geoffrey Thomas and a tree planting by 3rd grade students of Frylands Elementary School.

Agency Reports- Planning Commission – Michael Stanger reported that the Planning Commission has been working on Unified Development Regulations (UDR). They have received feedback from the public hearings on the subject. Also working on review of feedback from the Public Hearing on the Reaffirmation of the East Monroe Re-Zoning and Comprehensive Plan Designation. Board Member Stanger gave a briefing on the history of the rezoning designation of the property.

School District – None.

Adjournment

Motion by Ron Petrick and seconded by Daniel Enrico to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Tami Kinney, Chairperson

Daniel Enrico, Secretary