

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the special meeting of the Brainerd Park Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Shipe.

Upon roll call, the following board members were noted present: Miller, Shipe, Yeager, and Schaefer.

Also noted present were City Engineer/Public Works Director Dehn.

### **Approval of the Agenda - Approved**

MOVED AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBERS YEAGER AND SCHAEFER, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Approve Contractor Quote for Kiwanis Tree Clearing**

Dehn stated that staff walked the site and discussed the scope of work with two contractors, Tom's Backhoe and DeChantal Excavating. Identified in the scope was removal of dead, damaged, and diseased trees, mostly adjacent to Boom Lake but a couple adjacent to the Mississippi River. Also included in the scope was to brush hog the smaller brush and invasive species from roughly the pavilion on the Boom Lake side south to where the street narrows and the view opens up considerably. Similarly on the river side, brush hogging from the area where the trail meets the parking area south to where the street narrows and the view opens up. Brush hogging will be slightly limited on this side due to the higher slopes and safety of the equipment operator. Yeager had question if this was related to the work with Lyman P. White Park progressing south to the College Drive bridge. Dehn clarified that this was not related to that work and only part of the ARPA funding that Council had allocated to this work.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY YEAGER AND MILLER, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE QUOTE FROM TOM'S BACKHOE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,900.

#### **Discussion on Proposed Use of Remaining LCCMR Funds at MLT Park**

Dehn stated he had discussions regarding what would be allowed in the scope of the project for the remainder of the LCCMR Funds. The remaining funds need to be spent by June 2024. Unfortunately, art, Wi-Fi, security systems, and new playground equipment are not allowed within the scope of the project. The water bottle filler, as well as a fence for safety by the playground could fit into the scope. After much discussion, the park board and original planning committee would also like to include brush clearing along the river to truly make this park a trailhead, they questioned if a kayak launch could fit in the scope, especially if it was ADA accessible. Also mentioned was additional signage with QR codes that link to GIS map of trail connections and points of interest in the City. Dehn had concerns with the kayak launch due to the changing water levels of the river and previous problems staff has had trying to get previous docks in and out for the season. Dehn will ask some follow up questions to see if these items could be considered within the scope of the project and plans to draw up a formal document to present before the board.

March 9, 2023

**Adjourn**

MOVED AND SECONDED BY SCHAEFER AND YEAGER, DULY CARRIED, TO  
ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:14 P.M. TO SPECIAL PARK BOARD MEETING ON MARCH  
21, 2023 IN THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cari LaRose, Administrative Specialist

March 9, 2023