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CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA  
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING**

Regular Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of July 17, 2017  
Public Works, 405 W. St. Julien Street  
7:00 PM

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – June 19, 2016

**IV. VISITORS**

- A. Scheduling of Visitor Comments on Agenda Items
- B. General Visitors Comments

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Urban Forest Management
  - 1. Developing “Tree Standards” – Build Urban Forest
- B. Site Visit – Veterans Memorial Park
  - 1. Soccer Rink
  - 2. Pool
  - 3. Sidewalk Plan
  - 4. Playground Areas

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

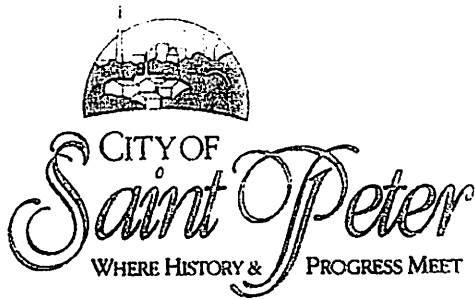
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**VII. REPORTS**

- A. Chairs Report
  - 1. Fieldhouse Update
- B. Department of Recreation and Leisure Services Update
  - 1.
- C. Department of Public Works
  - 1. Traverse des Sioux – Orienteering (Tim)
  - 2. No Meeting, August 21, Next Meeting September 18

**ADJOURNMENT**

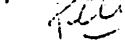
Director of Public Works  
Pete Moulton



## Memorandum

To: Parks Board Members

May 11, 2017

From: Pete Moulton   
Director of Public Works

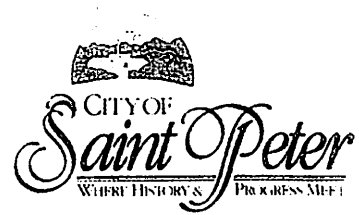
RE: Urban Forest and Tree Related Issues

During the next few Parks Board meetings, City staff will be discussing a path to update and improve our Tree Ordinance and Tree Policy's. As you are aware in 2016 our City Forester informed the Parks Board and Tree Advisory Board of pending and future issues related to the plan we have for right-of-way trees, Parks trees and trees on private property. It would be our intention to address these issues with you and seek guidance on a direction for the City.

A few of the issues we see as important to address include:

- Developing "Tree Standards"
  - Build Economic and Environmental benefits
  - Build Urban Forest
- Updating Tree Policy
  - Diversify tree species
  - Improve street aesthetics
  - Address tree disease issues
- Updating City Ordinance
  - Discuss and improve street scape ideas
  - Align Ordinance to comprehensive plan

There may be other issue you wish to discuss so please feel free to contact me with your questions.



### **Developing “Tree Standards”**

- Build Economic and Environmental benefits follow up

Green Ash, Sugar Maple, Basswood, Norway Maples, Honey Locust and Hackberry are the majority of trees currently within the City’s urban forest. These are all a very good variety of trees with the exception of Green Ash due to the chance of Emerald Ash Bore in our area.

Going forward with sustaining a good urban forest we should look at diversity in our tree planting plan. We still need to follow our ordinance in planting trees. We need to plant less trees with pods, nuts, berries that would fall off the tree and get into our stormwater basins, which would cause problems to our infrastructure.

Some suggestions for other tree species are as follows:

- Hybrid Elms
- Ironwood
- Linden
- Oaks (all varieties)
- Maples (all varieties)
- Other native trees

### **Build Urban Forest**

#### **What is the Urban Forest?**

Urban and community forests broadly include urban parks, street trees, landscaped boulevards, river and coastal promenades, greenways, river corridors, wetlands, nature preserves, natural areas, shelter belts of trees and working trees at industrial brownfield sites.

#### **Benefits of Urban Forests:**

Urban and community forests are dynamic ecosystems that provide needed environmental services by cleaning air and water helping to control stormwater and conserving energy.

They add form, structure, beauty and breathing room to urban design, reduce noise, separate incompatible uses, provide places to recreate, strengthen social cohesion, leverage community revitalization, and add economic value to our communities.

#### **What is an Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP)?**

An UFMP is a roadmap that creates a shared vision for the future of a tree canopy. It’s a tailored plan that guides tree care professionals to proactively and effectively manage and provide for maximum, long-term benefits to the community. The plan provides recommendations based on the analysis of detailed inventories and includes additional components or documents, such as budgets, implementation schedules, policy and procedure manuals, standards and specifications, public education and monitoring plans, and exiting ordinances. Annual work plans and budgets can then be developed based on the long-term UFMP.