

**UNAPPROVED
DERBY PARK AND URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MINUTES
April 13, 2023**

Call to Order: 11:00 A. M.

Roll Call: Members Present

Sherii Farmer
Marty Hunt
Bruce Renberger
Dave Peebler
Jason Griffin

Members Absent

Also in attendance: Steve White, Joe Loflin, Shana Sneath, Bonnie Thieme, Juno Peebler

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Jason Griffin moved to approve the minutes from January 12, 2023

Second: Sherii Farmer second.

Vote: All yea, motion carried.

Open Forum: There is an article out in the Informer about pear trees . We may have questions about them at the Arbor Day celebration – article was regarding them being invasive. Discussion about tree trimming by energy companies. They do not necessarily prune for looks but just to remove them from the power lines. We have two new parks board members that will be joining us next month.

New Business: There are 4 certified Arborists on staff. Joe and Steve went the KRPA conference; it was a great conference and they received a lot of good information. Teak ball is coming to Derby; it is like the game of soccer on a ping pong table. Two tables will be donated and one will be placed at High Park and the other will be given to the DRC. Improvements to the Community Memorial walk at Garrett Park are underway. Parks staff has been busy sprucing up many items around the city.

Older Christmas decorations have been revamped and will be in use next year. Playground inspections have recently taken place. Crews have planted 221 trees in 3 months. The canvas shade structures at MACP were replaced. City Hall landscape was redesigned. Damaged trees at RRR were replaced. There was vandalism in the City. A local teen approached Joe with an idea to cover up the vandalism at Riley Park. The teen and her friends painted over the area with inspirational art. Arbor Day will be celebrated April 18 at the third Thursday event at MACP. There will be a booth set up so people can plant a coleus. Arborists will also be on hand to answer any questions from the community regarding trees and pruning.

The willingness to pay survey results are in. Citizens are supportive of Parks. The Derby difference sales will help complete Phase II of Decarsky Park. More information can be found at www.derbyks.com. Mr. White went over the budget and upcoming Parks projects. MACP playground is going to be resurfaced due to the large amount of use it receives.

Derby's existing ordinance calls for Arborist to be licensed in order to complete work in Derby. However, there is no licensing fee. Mr. White spoke with Tim McDonnel at K-State about fees. He suggested a \$25-35 range for licensing fees and also that they are KAA certified and bonded. Discussion about fees for Arborists among the group. Issue will be discussed at the next meeting. No resolution yet.

Motion to adjourn: Sherii Farmer moved to adjourn the April 13, PUF meeting.

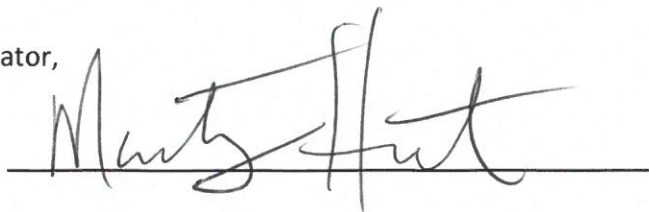
Second: Bruce Renberger, second.

Vote: All yea, motion carried unanimous.

End.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shana Sneath
Public Works Coordinator,

Mary Hunt
Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Hunt", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.