



- a. Mary Dietz stated that there is need for more parking at Prairie View Park and suggested a paved pathway through the park for accessibility to the fields.
  - b. Mary Dietz stated that parking at Cedar Pointe Park is great besides the lack of handicap parking near the pathway.
  - c. Mary Dietz stated that she would like to see the open space at Baehmann's Park mowed and suggested a baseball diamond or basketball court be added there.
- 1) Beth Klein
  - 2) W60N758 Jefferson Ave.
  - 3) Beth Klein stated that she would like to see more community projects to help fix up the parks.
    - a. Beth Klein explained that she would like a basketball court at Woodland Park and how it could be a great way to get the community involved.
    - b. Beth Klein suggested a neighborhood outreach to complete park projects.
- 1) Brian Draper
  - 2) W57N751 Hawthorne Ave.
  - 3) Brian Draper voiced concern about encroachment of buckthorn and addressing the maintenance of existing parks.
    - a. Brian Draper explained that he would like to see a plan for park maintenance.
    - b. Brian Draper suggested having more public effort to maintain the parks and do projects for the City.

Mayor Thome suggested that Director Friess starts keeping a list of existing projects that may be shared with the public for community projects. Vice Chairperson Wagner suggested having sign up sheets to get groups together and added that there will be a need for equipment and tools.

- 1) Barbara Karimi
- 2) N81W5227 Bywater Ln.
- 3) Barbara Karimi voiced that she would like to see more native planting in the parks.

Administrator Hilvo thanked everyone for coming and letting the Board hear their opinions on the CORP.

### **Discussion and Possible Action on CORP**

No other discussion or action was needed.

### **REPORTS**

Director Friess reported on the Parks and Forestry seasonal staff hiring, Summer Playground Camp and Community Pool hiring, pickleball and tennis courts and nets, ice skating rink is now down, windscreens at Adlai Horn Park and Zeunert Park, park restrooms, and set the next meeting for April 2.

Superintendent Anderson reported on youth basketball, spring soccer, toddler playtime, 2025 Summer Activity Guide, t-ball, flag football, girls NFL flag football, Summer Playground Camp registration, summer planning, spring break STEM classes, swim lesson registration, the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt, and the need for lifeguards and playground camp staff.

City Forester Westphal reported on tree pruning, cycle pruning, pre-construction pruning, structural pruning, street tree removals, road closures for pruning and removals, stump removal list, tree

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planting, planting at Baehmann's Park, the plan at Harrison woods – top out trees and trim back buckthorn, and working on the dead trees along the interurban trail.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by James Schara, seconded by Brian Clement, to adjourn the meeting at 6:32p.m.  
Motion carried without a negative vote with Chairperson Herold excused.

Chandler Steffen  
Recreation Coordinator