

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN**

Parks and Recreation Board

**Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2022**

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order on September 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room.

Roll Call: Tonya Christiansen, Chair
 Robert Bell, Co-Chair
 Jim DeVries
 Lynn Groothuis

Absent:

Also Present: Matt Wade, Streets & Utilities Manager and Board Liaison, Derek Gajdos, Director of Public Works, Larry Burns, GVSU Professor, Tony McGhee, Abonmarche Consultants, Bruce Baker, City Resident.

Approval of Minutes from the August 10, 2022 meeting:

A motion was made by DeVries, and seconded by Bell to approve the P&R Board Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2022.

Motion Approved 4-0

New Business

22-72 A presentation by Larry Burns, Professor of Psychology at GVSU, proposing a forestry management program for City trees. The program revolves around the rising problems hemlock woolly adelgid, oak wilt, and beach bark disease in the City of Grand Haven Parks.

Three major species have been identified HWA, Oak Wilt, Beechbark disease. Is present throughout mulligans hollow, it's slower in effect and can take 20+ years to kill a tree. The proposed program is set up to mitigate and fund to protect the parklands.

A motion was made by Groothuis to and seconded by Bell to support the forest management plan with external funding for mitigation of invasive species in the parks.

Motion Approved 4-0

General Business

- Tony McGhee from Abonmarche discussed the information about the Michigan Spark Grants. The State is currently looking for projects with a budget of \$15 million annually. Tony suggest that a community like the City of Grand Haven should shoot for a \$700,000 project with a 25% match to stay competitive in the grant selection process. Linear Park is currently the standout project that Abonmarche is going to estimate quantities and come up with a total cost to repair all safety hazards and shore up the waterways.

Adjournment

It was moved by Bell, seconded by DeVries, to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 pm.