

MAPLE GROVE

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 21, 2016

Community Center  
7:30 p.m.

**Regular Meeting** The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chair, Bill Lewis at 7:30 p.m.

**Board Members Present** Board Members present were: Chair, Bill Lewis; Vice Chair, John Ferm and Board Members: Deb Syhre, Terry Sharp, Ken Helvey, Troy Nygaard and Kelly Cunningham.

**Board Members Absent** Board Members absent were: None.

**Also Present** Also present were: Karen Jaeger, Council Representative; Mark Saari, Interim Director; Chuck Stifter, Superintendent of Parks and Planning; Lisa Jost, Community Center Manager; Patty Anderson, Administrative Supervisor; Frank Weber, CC Operations Supervisor; Scott Roberts, Parks Supervisor; Deb Coss, Special Event Coordinator; Anne Marie Shandley, Human Resources; Kate and Emma Stifter; two Girl Scout leaders and four Girl Scouts.

**Approval Of Agenda** **Motion made by Board Member Nygaard, seconded by Vice Chair Ferm to approve the agenda for the April 21, 2016 meeting with the addition of Special Business Item #3 – Parks and Recreation Director Appointment.**

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, there were seven ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

**Special Business, Item #1 Girl Scout Bronze Award Presentation & Report**

Patty Anderson stated the Board was being asked to receive the *Helping Pollinators Report* from Junior Girl Scout Troop 15170, noting their presentation was part of their Bronze Award Project.

Kirsten Varney introduced herself and her co-leader, Myla. She noted the report is on how Maple Grove can help pollinators

and that this is the capstone project for their bronze award. She introduced Alana, Lexi, Lyndsey and Trinity, who shared with the Board where they went to school and why pollinators are important to them.

The troop presented a slide presentation to the Board. Lyndsey noted the process of achieving the bronze award and the steps they had taken including research and volunteering. Lyndsey and Trinity provided information about what is a pollinator and they provided examples and why they are important. Lexi talked about promoting pollinator habitats and how that can be done. Trinity provided further information on pollinator habitats. Alana detailed the threats to pollinators. Lyndsey and Alana talked about how they could help pollinators. Trinity detailed the importance of pollinator gardens. Lyndsey provided information about the importance of pollinator garden signage. She noted that Maple Grove could become a pollinator friendly city and pledge to protect pollinators.

Responding to questions, the girls indicated they enjoyed learning about pollinators and their favorite activity was the University of Minnesota Monarch Lab. Board Member Syhre noted the butterfly marking and banding program that is done at the Elm Creek Nature Center.

Chair Lewis complimented the girls on their pronunciation of the scientific terms and noted it appears they enjoyed the project and learned a lot.

Patty Anderson indicated that staff would take the information they had presented and look to see how it could be incorporated into some of the park gardens. She also noted she would keep them in mind in terms of volunteer opportunities.

Lexi concluded the presentation and noted they hoped the Board would use this information to make Maple Grove pollinator friendly and that the troop would be happy to volunteer. The girls distributed a hand out showing some of their favorite pollinator plants along with a pack of milkweed seeds.

Board Members thanked the troop for their presentation. Patty Anderson thanked them for their information and provided them with a small gift of honey. Board Member Cunningham noted there is a beekeeper here in Maple Grove who sells his honey at

the Farmer's Market and that is something they may want to check out.

**Motion made by Board Member Syhre, seconded by Board Member Helvey to receive the *Helping Pollinators Report* prepared by Junior Girl Scout Troop 15170 as part of their Bronze Award project.**

Upon call for the question on a voice vote, there were seven ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

Chair Lewis congratulated the troop on their accomplishment.

**Special Business, Item  
#2 Special Events  
Coordinator Report**

Deb Coss provided the Board with a handout of the performance schedule for the Town Green for 2016, noting that this is one of the areas she works with. She reviewed last summer's attendance for various performances, highlighted some of the upcoming activities and the number of rentals. Deb Coss stated that a number of staff will be returning this summer and indicated that has resulted in a number of positive comments about staff. She noted the various staff members and the roles they play.

Deb Coss reviewed the various special events, noting they have gone from 24 special events in 2014 to 43 special events in 2015 and already have 21 requests for this year. She indicated that some special events involve more than just parks and are reviewed by the Special Events Review Committee. She reviewed who serves on that committee from the various departments. She also highlighted the various rentals and how those are handled.

Deb Coss noted that Central Park has generated a lot of excitement. She noted that so far they have 34 rentals scheduled and 5 weddings and receptions. She indicated they also have had 2 engagements there that they know of. Deb Coss showed a video of one the couple's engagement taking place at the ice trail and indicated they are one of the weddings being planned at Central Park.

Deb Coss stated that they had their first big rental last Saturday and noted that it was very successful. She indicated it was a women's conference with 60 to 70 women in attendance. She

shared with the Board a thank you they had received from the group singing their praises of the facility and staff. Deb Coss noted staff is reviewing some procedures. She indicated they are only doing two big events at Central Park this summer so they can get a really good handle on the process. She indicated one was the Esprit de She event and the other was some of the Maple Grove Days events.

Deb Coss shared with the Board some of the other things she works with including the adopt-a-park program, the perennial plant exchange, the boulevard planting program, the candlelight memorial at the Angel of Hope, the New Year's Eve party and Maple Grove Days. She indicated she is also involved with others in working on the picnic area at the Village Hall, sprucing up the Community Center, helping with the blog and Facebook posts.

Deb Coss indicated challenges she saw for 2016 included developing procedures for large groups at Central Park, transitioning the rental permits to RecTrac, and time management in order to be efficient and effective in all aspects.

Responding to a question about other events at some of the other parks, Deb Coss indicated that if it is shown as an event on a trail, it is a run. She noted that if it is at a school or Gleason Fields, it is typically an athletic event. She stated that a lot of runs turn into bigger events.

Vice Chair Ferm noted the number of rentals at Eagle Lake and indicated that is a fantastic number. Deb Coss noted it is booked most weekends, especially in the summer. She clarified that there are not as many groups that use it regularly, but noted they do see a lot of repeats from people for things like birthday parties, family reunions, etc. She pointed out it is popular because there are very few comparable rental spaces that have a kitchen.

Chair Lewis stated he felt they were wise to only have two larger events at Central Park this year for the reasons mentioned. He noted the event that was held last Saturday and questioned if there was anything they learned from it where they could use some more support from the Board or that they need to think about. Deb Coss indicated she felt they need to be sure they have adequate staffing. She noted they did for that

event, but need to be sure that continues because it is a nice facility and people expect a certain level of service.

Chair Lewis, on behalf of the Board, thanked Deb Coss for the great job she is doing. Board Member Syhre noted that Deb Coss's attitude has always been at the top and it has been a pleasure to work with her. She noted Deb is very knowledgeable and that there has never been a question that she has not been able to address. Board Member Syhre noted that all the staff working with Deb Coss on events are just as top notch and that the City is fortunate to have her and such great staff.

**Special Business Item  
#3 Parks &  
Recreation Director  
Appointment**

Board Member Sharp noted that they had started the process several weeks ago looking for a new Parks and Recreation Director following Terry Just announcing his retirement. He stated it was interesting, grueling process and thanked Anne Marie Shandley for being so organized and making the process easier.

Board Member Sharp introduced Chuck Stifter as the recommended appointee to the position of Director. He noted that Chuck has over 15 years of experience with the Maple Grove Parks and Recreation Department beginning back in 2001. He stated that Chuck currently serves in the capacity as Superintendent of Parks and Planning and has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in Landscape Architecture. Board Member Sharp noted that Chuck's accomplishments over the years are many; from advancing the park system to a new level, to leading major planning and development efforts on two community changing public improvements – the Town Green and Central Park. He noted these are two highly acclaimed and iconic parks that have changed the way residents and visitors look at the city, indicating they are a real showcase of the work that Chuck has brought to the City of Maple Grove and the Parks and Recreation Department. Board Member Sharp stated that Chuck will be a great addition to the professional leadership team of the City in his new role as Parks and Recreation Director. He offered his congratulations to Chuck Stifter.

**Motion made by Board Member Sharp, seconded by Board Member Syhre to approve the appointment of Chuck Stifter**

**to the position of Parks and Recreation Director at an annual salary of \$105,869.92, effective May 2, 2016, subject to a 12-month probationary period. All required screenings and background checks have been successfully completed.**

Vice Chair Ferm noted he was fairly new on the Board when the position of Park Planner came open about 15 years ago. He stated that he had recommended Chuck Stifter for the position and noted that he has done an incredible job. He indicated he can't say enough about Chuck and what he has done for the City and that he could not think of a better person to fill this position.

Board Member Cunningham noted that she had the pleasure of looking at all the people who applied. She stated since she was new to the Board she did not know Chuck very well, but indicated that he stood out as her number one choice and she was excited to see that he had been selected for the position.

Chuck Stifter introduced his wife Kate and daughter Emma and noted he also has a son who could not be present. Chuck Stifter stated that he was very honored by this appointment and the Board's confidence in him. He noted that in his fifteen years here he has had the great privilege of working with good people, a very knowledgeable and committed staff, a very engaged and passionate Board and a City that values Park and Recreation services. Chuck Stifter stated that he looked forward to many more years of working with the Board and indicated he would always bring the same passion and commitment to his job. He noted that together they can continue to do great things.

Mark Saari indicated that they had not announced the appointment to staff yet and would be doing so tomorrow morning. He noted that Chuck has the trust and respect of his employees and had no doubt that will continue to grow and good things will be happening in the future.

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, there were seven ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

Chair Lewis noted that tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. they would be pulling staff together in rooms 122 and 124 to make the announcement and indicated that all Board Members were

welcome to attend. He acknowledged Ann Marie Shandley, Director of Human Resources, and the significant contribution she made to the selection process. He noted it was a collaborative effort and that they had the opportunity to involve people early and often in the process. He indicated they were able to involve Directors, the Council, the Mayor, and staff as well as the Board. He thanked Ann Marie for her professionalism and her assistance in the process. Chair Lewis noted the need to now look at the organizational structure and how to best handle Chuck's previous duties.

#### BOARD MEMBER/STAFF REPORTS

### **Miscellaneous Board Member Reports**

**Parkkeepers:** Board Member Syhre expressed her appreciation to the Parkkeepers for all the work they have done in sprucing up the building. She noted it is very much appreciated.

**Interim Director:** Chair Lewis thanked Mark Saari for the great job he has done as Interim Director and noted that it will be important to have his help as they transition forward.

**Recognition:** Chair Lewis noted that recently the Rogers City Council utilized one of the meeting rooms and had Chuck Stifter talk to them about the Maple Grove Park System. He shared with the Board a memo that was sent to Heidi Nelson from Steve Stahmer, Rogers City Administrator which read in part: "Chuck Stifter spent time with our group talking about the park. Chuck did a great job of providing an overview of the park planning process and answered some tough questions from a couple of our Council Members. Chuck received some fairly tricky questions and he handled them extremely well. Reactions to the park concept probably best encapsulate the outcome of the entire afternoon of goalsetting. It was a big step for us and made possible in large by your venue and your staff presentation. A big thank you to Chuck."

### **Miscellaneous Staff Reports**

**Town Green Vandalism:** Mark Saari noted that the Board has received updates regarding the recent vandalism at Town Green. He indicated it was good to see that two individuals have been charged and noted how quickly it came together when they did a posting on Facebook. Mark Saari stated that they received kudos from the Police regarding how cooperative Community Center staff was in terms of getting videos and assisting in any way. He indicated that as the legal process goes forward they

hope to see restitution for the damage. He noted that they will be looking at additional security cameras in and around that area.

**Terry Just Retirement:** Mark Saari shared a photo of Terry Just and staff on March 31<sup>st</sup>, which was his last day of work.

**OMGAA:** Mark Saari noted that OMGAA has indicated their intent to make a contribution to upgrade the Weaver Lake ballfields. He indicated that will formally come before the Board next month. Mark Saari stated that they have also indicated an interest in purchasing scoreboards to be placed on the full sized fields at Fernbrook. He noted the history of putting scoreboards at Gleason Fields and how that agreement was completed.

**Town Green:** Board Member Sharp questioned if there was anything they could do to the glass at Town Green to prevent the type of vandalism that occurred. Chuck Stifter stated they were looking into that. He stated that it is two panes of glass that are etched on both sides and according to one supplier that is about the highest strength they can get. He indicated they will continue to research that. Board Member Sharp noted that at his old employer they had a coating put on the glass for blast resistance and it was relatively inexpensive and did not change the appearance.

**Emerald Ash Borer:** Chuck Stifter stated that the Parks Department and Engineering Department are working cooperatively on the Emerald Ash Borer plan. He indicated it was reviewed by the Arbor Committee and will be brought before the Board.

**Council Action:** Council Member Jaeger stated that at their last Council Meeting, they did an emergency preparedness drill which was very interesting. She indicated that they had passed a new addition for Park Nicollet, noting it was a medical office building. Council Member Jaeger stated that the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held next Thursday morning. She congratulated Chuck Stifter on his appointment and thanked the Board for all their efforts.

CONSENT BUSINESS

**Consent Business**

**Motion made by Board Member Nygaard, seconded by Board Member Syhre to approve the Consent Items as presented.**

- A. March, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- B. Disbursements**
- C. PT Employees**
- D. Recruitment Approval for Lead Parkkeeper due to Resignation**
- E. Winter Recreation/CC Usage Reports**
- F. Special Use Permit – Purple Church 5k**
- G. Special Use Permit – Ave Maria Academy 5k**
- H. Hockey Rink Replacement Award**
- I. Authorize Request for Quotes – Programmable Digital Thermometer**
- J. OMGAA Sale of Concessions Agreement**
- K. Subdivision – Village at Arbor Lake Final**
- L. Policy Updates – Collection of Rental Fees & Damage Deposit**

Chair Lewis referenced page four of the minutes from March as it related to recognition for former Chair Phenow. He questioned if staff had received any input from him regarding the plaque that was discussed. Patty Anderson noted she has been in discussion with him and indicated that she is doing some research in terms of the options and layout that he will review. She stated she anticipated they would get something in the next week or so on which to provide feedback. She noted it takes about 8 weeks or so to have the plaque made.

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, there were seven ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

**Old Business, Item #1  
2015 Budget Re-Cap**

Mark Saari presented the staff report regarding the preliminary year-end report for the 2015 budget. He reported that staff did a good job managing their budgets and maximizing revenues and pretty much exceeded expectations in all areas. He detailed the Administrative; Recreation (non-program); Parks; and Recreation divisions and highlighted the specifics within each area. Mark Saari also reviewed the Community Center

Enterprise account and the Dome Enterprise account. He noted the Community Center targets an 80% recovery cost and that they exceeded 85% again this past year. He pointed out that they were again able to add to the Dome equipment replacement fund.

Responding to a question, Mark Saari noted that the music program is a consortium and that right now Maple Grove is the fiscal agent for it.

**Motion made by Board Member Nygaard, seconded by Board Member Sharp to receive the 2015 Parks and Recreation preliminary year-end budget report.**

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, there were seven ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

**Old Business, Item #2  
2016 Parks Paving  
Project Bid Award**

Chuck Stifter presented the staff report regarding awarding the bid for the 2016 Parks Paving Project. He noted in February the Board authorized the advertisement for bid and bids were received on April 7, 2016. He indicated that the low bidder submitted an incomplete bid in that they failed to acknowledge the two addenda and that they will need to be rejected. Chuck Stifter noted staff is recommending the bid be awarded to DMJ Asphalt and indicated they have worked with them previously.

**Motion made by Board Member Nygaard, seconded by Vice Chair Ferm to accept the 2016 Parks Paving Project bids with the exception of the bid provided by Minnesota Roadway Co which is deemed non-responsive.**

Council Member Jaeger questioned if they would be doing anything with the Rice Lake Trail. Chuck Stifter indicated that was not part of the planned paving project, but noted that it would be sealcoated this year.

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, there were seven ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

**Motion made by Vice Chair Ferm, seconded by Board Member Helvey to approve awarding the project to DMJ Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$325,688.61 and to direct staff to prepare and execute contracts pending review by the Director of Parks and Recreation and the City Attorney.**

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, there were seven ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

**Old Business, Item #3  
Review Play  
Equipment  
Standards, Authorize  
Request for Quotes**

Chuck Stifter presented the staff report regarding the play equipment replacement program. He indicated that while they have built new playgrounds, it has been 9 years since they have replaced a play structure in the system. He noted that staff is recommending they re-engage the replacement program and replace the play equipment at Woodcrest Park and Maple Tree Playlot.

Chuck Stifter stated that back in 2011 the Board reviewed the current practice for their playground design and also pending ADA regulation changes. He noted that in 2012 the ADA changes known as “**2010 Standards**” became law and are required for all new construction and alterations to existing play structures.

Chuck Stifter addressed the play area design standards and what is the current standard and what staff is proposing. He noted staff is proposing to the Board that they broaden their opportunities or choices in a few of the areas.

Chuck Stifter stated they are recommending they remain with Landscape Structures Inc. as the manufacturer. He noted they are recommending a broader range of products and styles with regards to play components and also a broader range of age appropriate components at the larger parks or on a case by case basis. Chuck Stifter highlighted the proposed wording that states they will meet the ADA standards. He noted that all new play equipment constructed after 2012 does comply.

Regarding surface material, Chuck Stifter indicated that in the past they have had a combination of poured-in-place rubber and sand or pea-rock. He noted staff would like to introduce engineered wood fiber as a surfacing option and provided a sample of it. Chuck Stifter noted that the trouble they are having and the industry is having is that no one makes compliant sand.

Responding to a question about what makes it compliant; Chuck Stifter noted that they do testing to measure the impact resistance of a fall. He stated that sand is not certified by the

Consumer Products Safety Commission, but engineered wood fiber is. He noted that a number of communities are moving toward using the engineered wood fiber. He stated that there may be some additional maintenance with the product and at a 10 year point they would probably need to replace it.

Board Member Cunningham noted that generally when kids go to the park they want to take off their shoes and go barefoot. She indicated the issue of slivers with wood chips and questioned the cost of a rubber surface versus the wood. Chuck Stifter noted there are pros and cons with any of the products, but indicated that rubber is more than double the cost of the wood product. He indicated they would still need the rubber surface in places.

Responding to a question, Chuck Stifter clarified that he was referencing poured-in-place rubber and not the rubber chips which have become an issue for some places.

Discussion occurred as to whether the product such as sand had to be certified to be in compliance. Chuck Stifter stated that was his interpretation and indicated that his research has shown that no one has certified the sand.

Board Member Syhre raised a question regarding the sand at the play area in Central Park. Chuck Stifter noted that the research on the issue was not done until recently. There was discussion about whether the sand there would be an issue. It was noted that any of the surfaces could be considered a liability. Discussion occurred that the sand in the sand play area would be acceptable because there are no high climbing pieces there.

The point was made by Board Member Helvey that at this time staff is just requesting that they allow engineering wood fiber to be added as a surfacing option. Chuck Stifter indicated that was correct. He pointed out that in the future they will look at replacement at some of the school sites and will need to engage the School District in terms of surfacing material selection.

Responding to a question about pea rock, Chuck Stifter stated that according to the research it doesn't comply in terms of getting the fall heights they have been designing to.

Chuck Stifter responded to a question about the school sites,

noting up to this point, they have requested pea rock. He indicated they will have to have discussions with them about the surface material.

Board Member Cunningham noted many kids play in the sand in the neighborhood parks and questioned if they could have an area of sand not around the play structures. Chuck Stifter noted that was possible if it was outside the fall zones.

Chuck Stifter indicated they were recommending the play area borders remain a concrete curb. He stated they were suggesting the structure color be considered on a case by case basis and that they allow for a broader color palette. He also noted they are proposing that they allow sun protection as needed. Chuck Stifter stated that the lack of shade is probably one of the top complaints they get. He noted they are not recommending any change to the replacement/upgrade schedule.

**Motion made by Board Member Nygaard, seconded by Board Member Syhre to approve the proposed Play Area Design Standards.**

Chair Lewis recapped the discussion and noted the comment that the proposed standards would allow engineered wood fiber and that gives them some latitude to research it further and have staff provide more information.

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, there were seven ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

**Motion made by Board Member Syhre, seconded by Board Member Sharp to approve authorizing the 2016 Play Equipment Replacement Program and direct staff to proceed with design of and seek quotes for two play areas located at Woodcrest Park and Maple Tree Playlot.**

Chuck Stifter reviewed the play area at Woodcrest Park and Maple Tree Playlot, noting both are already nicely shaded. He indicated that both replacement structures have been budgeted for. He stated that in the past Board Member Syhre has been on the design team and would ask the Chair if that was a representation they wished to continue or if there are other members interested.

Board Member Helvey raised a question if the budgeted amount was sufficient to do what they wanted to do at these sites. Chuck Stifter indicated they are some of the smaller sites, but noted that once they go through the design process they will better be able to make that determination. Discussion occurred that Woodcrest Park is utilized and all they did back in 2007 was paint it. Board Member Helvey noted he would like to see some additional alternatives for that park, understanding that there may be some additional cost involved. Chuck Stifter noted that they do have some flexibility with the replacement program.

Board Member Cunningham indicated that she had interviewed Landscape Structures before and found them to be very creative and able to do so much with so little in terms of cost.

Board Member Syhre asked if they would be removing the entire existing structures or if they were looking to reuse some of the existing components. Chuck Stifter indicated the only time he was aware that they reused existing components was when they moved the high school play area to make room for the Dome. He indicated that perhaps they could look at utilizing the swings. Patty Anderson noted that the Board had previously agreed to consider possible donation of any old equipment to the Kids Around the World organization.

A question was raised as to whether they would also be looking at the play area on the east side of Weaver Lake School as that was something they looked at when they last looked at Woodcrest and Maple Tree. Chuck Stifter noted that with regards to the school sites, they want to work closely with them and engage them in the design. He indicated that was not something that was possible this year in terms of time, but indicated that staff will start that process probably this fall. He pointed out that Elm Creek and Rush Creek are scheduled to be done next year. Chuck Stifter clarified that the play area on the east side of Weaver Lake School is the one that the Board owns.

Vice Chair Ferm noted they had postponed replacements for 9 years and questioned if they were at the point where they would again need to do a couple each year. Chuck Stifter indicated he felt they would for a while, perhaps for five years and then re-evaluate.

Vice Chair Ferm also raised a question regarding shade and how that can be incorporated in future replacements and whether that would be funded separately. Chuck Stifter noted that some play structures incorporate shade components and would be funded as play equipment. He indicated that if they were looking at a separate shade component next to the play area they could look towards park dedication or other funds to accomplish that. He noted the need to look into that further. Vice Chair Ferm noted that they previously put in picnic tables for seating and indicated that providing shade would probably be a similar issue. Chuck Stifter noted that the picnic areas were probably in the general fund. He also pointed out that they had done a big tree planting program, but indicated that trees grow slow and don't always get the best treatment in the park areas. Vice Chair Ferm indicated he would like some information about the shade aspect.

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, there were seven ayes and no nays.

Chair Lewis asked for interest in Board representation on the play equipment design team. Board Member Syhre indicated she would like to continue to work on the designs and Board Member Cunningham stated that she would also like to be involved.

#### NEW BUSINESS

### **New Business, Item #1 Trash Container Upgrade Project Authorize & Award**

Scott Roberts presented the staff report regarding the upgrading of the trash containers in the park. He provided pictures of the existing cans and noted how they rust out and dent easily. He noted how they currently need to be carried to the truck and how they are affected by weather and bees since they have no lids.

Scott Roberts stated they are proposing a rolling cart system with a lid. He indicated the carts would be larger than the current container and they would be able to reduce the number of them. He stated that staff is proposing a green garbage cart that will be stamped with the City of Maple Grove Parks & Recreation Board. He clarified that all the parks would have 65 gallon carts, while the shelter building and special events would utilize 35 gallon carts. He displayed a prototype of the cans.

Scott Roberts noted that they would also like to purchase 35 gallon recycling carts that would be blue in color and would be utilized at busier sites such as Gleason Fields, Weaver Lake, etc. He detailed how often the trash containers would be picked up and noted they would use the same truck to pick up the recycling one day a week. He indicated the carts would be available in four to six weeks.

Vice Chair Ferm noted that this switch was long overdue.

**Motion made by Vice Chair Ferm, seconded by Board Member Nygaard to approve authorizing the Trash Containers Upgrade Project and award the purchase to Rehrig Pacific Company in the amount of \$16,890.00.**

Board Member Cunningham questioned if they should be recycling at all park locations. Scott Roberts noted that they do recycle at the larger park locations such as Town Green and Central Park. He indicated the small parks generally do not have as much, but noted they will monitor to see if there is a need at certain locations.

Responding to question, Scott Roberts noted that the wording would be etched on the trash cans, while the recycling cans will have a sticker on them.

A question was also raised regarding whether the cans would be anchored. Scott Roberts noted they no longer anchor the current cans and they have not seen any problems. He indicated the new ones could be anchored if necessary. He clarified that the current cans will be crushed and recycled.

Board Member Syhre indicated that she too thought this long overdue and noted her experience in trying to move one of the current cans.

Chair Lewis noted he would imagine that staff would welcome the change as it will be much easier for them physically. He questioned if one truck was going to be able to handle the capacity. Scott Roberts indicated they have a really good truck and anticipate it will be used all the time.

Board Member Cunningham questioned if they could put a sticker on top of the containers that says thanks for keeping our

parks clean and beautiful. Board Members agreed that was a good idea.

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, there were seven ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

Chair Lewis suggested that since the recycling containers are somewhat of a pilot program it would be beneficial to let residents know that as well as telling them about the new trash containers. Patty Anderson noted they will put an article in the fall newsletter and indicated that in the meantime they can post information on the City's blog and Facebook.

## **Adjournment**

**Motion made by Board Member Cunningham, seconded by Board Member Nygaard to adjourn.**

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, there were seven ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Foggia, Recording Secretary and  
Chuck Stifter, Director  
Parks & Recreation Board  
City of Maple Grove