

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MAIZE PARK AND TREE BOARD
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019**

The Maize Park and Tree Board met in a regular meeting at 5:30 pm, Tuesday, April 9, 2019 with *Vice-Chair Marina Fulton* presiding. Board members present were *Patrick Atchison, Maren Breit, Steve Schmidt* and *Susan Woods*. *Chair Dennis Wardell* and *Joshua Belcher* were absent.

Also present was: *Ross Jensby*, Public Works and *Jolene Graham*, Executive Assistant.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Agenda was submitted for Board approval.

MOTION: *Atchison* moved approve the agenda.
Breit seconded. Motion declared carried.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 8, 2019 MINUTES:

The Park and Tree Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2019 were submitted for approval.

MOTION: *Atchison* moved to approve the minutes.
Woods seconded. Motion declared carried.

ARBOR DAY 2019

Staff was contacted by Chris Morrison, an Earth Science Teacher at Maize South High School, about the possibility of a joint Arbor Day project with the City of Maize Park and Tree Board on April 26, 2019. Approximately 120 freshman students enrolled in Earth Science classes at Maize South will participate in the project. Each pair of students will plant one tree for a total of 67 trees. In conjunction with Hillside Nursery, City staff identified locations and tree species. Thirty-two trees will be planted around the City Hall campus and thirty-five trees will be planted alongside the new sidewalk on 45th street between Plantation and east to the Railroad tracks. This will be the biggest Arbor Day planting for the City of Maize as well as an exciting first partnership with our Maize schools.

MOTION: *Atchison* moved to approve the proposed activities for the City of Maize's Arbor Day 2019 celebration and recommend the expenditure of funds not-to-exceed \$10,000 to City Council and staff.
Schmidt seconded. Motion declared carried.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT

During the 2019 budget process, the Park and Tree Board requested Capital Improvement Project funding to accomplish one of the Master Park Plan top two priorities: new parkland acquisition or construction of an amphitheater at Maize City Park. The successful completion of either of these

projects would entail the receipt of a 50-50 matching grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. Staff researched several land opportunities; however, no purchase agreements were reached with landowners in time to complete an application by the April 15, 2019 deadline. Staff is proposing to apply for the grant for an amphitheater at Maize City Park. As part of the Academy Arts District Project, RDG consultants provided the City with a cost estimate for the construction of an amphitheater in the amount of \$500,000. Requesting \$75,000 for 2020 Parks CIP would ensure the City's grant match of \$250,000 for the amphitheater project to be completed in 2020.

MOTION: *Atchison* moved to approve the completion of a 50-50 matching grant application from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for constructing an amphitheater at Maize City Park and request a minimum of \$75,000 for 2020 Parks CIP from Council to ensure a full grant match.

Breit seconded. Motion declared carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Board:

MOTION: *Atchison* motioned to adjourn.

Schmidt seconded. Motion declared carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Approved by the Park and Tree Board on _____ 2019.

Park and Tree Board Member

Recording Secretary