

**MINUTES**

**PARK BOARD MEETING**

**January 15, 2013**

**PETE THORN YOUTH CENTER 5:15**

The Warsaw Parks & Recreation Board met for its monthly meeting on January 15, 2013 at 5:15 PM at the Pete Thorn Youth Center. Attendance was noted as follows:

**PRESENT:** Board Members Bill Baldwin, Steve Haines, Larry Ladd & Michelle Boxell, Council Member Jerry Frush. Also present: Park Superintendent Larry Plummer, Jr., Maintenance Director Shaun Gardner & Secretary Sheila Wieringa.

**ABSENT:** Board Member Dan Robinson

**GUESTS:** Mayor Joe Thallemer

**CALL TO ORDER:** Board President Baldwin called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The December 11, 2012 minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member Haines, seconded by Board Member Boxell, all in favor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Park Supt. Plummer reported there is no pending business to come before the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Thallemer recognized and swore in new board member Ladd, followed by swearing in President Bill Baldwin for his reappointed term.

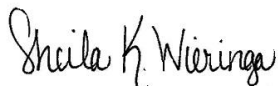
Maintenance Director Gardner presented to the board for consideration a situation with the Ash trees, specifically in Central Park. He gave information in regard to the Emerald Ash Borer (please see attached) and stated Ash trees in the park are seeing the effects of this insect. There are 21 Ash trees throughout the park. He stated he would like to be proactive with the problem. He weighed the options of treatment vs. removal of the trees with the board. Park Supt. Plummer added there is money in the budget for the removal and replacement of affected trees from the Dupont Resolution received in 2012. Board Member Boxell made a motion to remove and replace affected trees per the Departments plan, seconded by Board Member Haines.

Park Supt. Plummer reported on the Christmas Display. He stated the Department received a donation of \$1,606.00 from Young Tigers from concession stand proceeds. He also reported that McDonalds provided cups, lids, napkins and cookies and Wal-Mart donated gift cards to purchase hot chocolate for the stand.

In other business, Mayor Thallemer made reference to a new School Board Member being appointed by the February Park Board meeting.

There being no further matters to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Board Member Haines, seconded by Board Member Boxell, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sheila Wieringa  
Secretary