

City of Hastings Parks & Recreation

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Parks & Recreation Committee of Council Agenda

Tuesday, April 4th, 2017 – 7:30am Volunteer Room

1) Call to Order 7:30am

- a. Chair Braucks called meeting to order. Braucks*, Folch, Leifeld along with City Administrator Melanie Mesko-Lee and Parks Director Chris Jenkins all in attendance.
- 2) Emerald Ash Borer Treatment of Park & Public Space Trees 7:30am
 - a. Staff introduced the topic and explained options relating to the treatment of Ash Trees with insecticides to prevent an infestation of Emerald Ash Borer.
 - b. Folch motion, Leifeld 2nd to approve staff's recommendation to treat ash trees in parks and public spaces with insecticide injections, treating 1/3rd of the ash tree population annually with an internal staff treatment program, and continue the treatment program for 10 years, while continually evaluating throughout that timeframe. Motion passed 3-0.
- 3) Boulevard Tree Maintenance and Responsibilities

8:00am

- a. Staff introduced the topic and reviewed current City ordinances and policies related to the maintenance responsibility of trees within boulevard spaces.
- b. Leifeld motion, Folch 2nd to approve staff's interpretation of current ordinances and policies, and begin implementing communication and education efforts related to boulevard tree maintenance responsibilities. Motion passed 3-0.
- 4) City & ISD 200 Community Education Joint Powers

8:45am

a. Item will be addressed at a future committee meeting, time ran out.

All times are approximate