CITY OF
FREMONT
NEBRASKA PATHFINDERS

AGENDA

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

City Auditorium Meeting Room

7:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Reading of the Parks & Recreation Board March, 2018 Minutes
4. Request for use of Christensen Field Parking Lot, Ridge Road Trail and Hormel Park on Saturday, May 5 from 8:30am – 11am by Fremont Cosmo Club for annual Spokes and Sneakers fundraiser.
5. Request for use of Clemmons Park on April 7 – May 8 (Tuesdays and Saturdays) by Happy Feet Soccer League for children 18 months to 3 years of age.
6. Request for use of Johnson Trail and Shelter on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 7:30am – 12pm by Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnerships for a 5k/1-mile fun run.
7. Request for use of Miller Park on Saturday, July 14, 2018 by One Nebraska for a community gathering with concert fundraiser for Low Income Ministry.
8. Arbor Day – John C Fremont Park, Friday, April 27, 2018, 10:30am.
9. Final Draft Proposal of Emerald Ash Borer Plan
10. Recreation Report
11. Director's Report
12. Other Business
13. Next Meeting, Tuesday, May 1, 2018
14. Adjournment

Agenda posted at the Municipal Building and distributed to the Mayor, City Council and Park Board on March 30, 2018. The official current copy is available at City Hall, 400 E Military, Parks and Recreation Office. A copy of the Open Meeting Law is posted for review by the public.

MINUTES OF PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

7:00 pm – Meeting Room of City Auditorium - 925 N Broad ST

PRESENT: Matt Bechtel, Dian Christensen Hillis, Wendy Eairleywine, Chris Frank, Connie Giese, Benjamin Housel, Kim Koski, Tammy McKeighan, Dan Moran, Brian Newton, Nate Schwanke, Vince Smith.

1. Call to Order – Meeting convened at 7:00 pm. The agenda displayed at City Hall, 400 E Military and was distributed to the Mayor, City Council and the Park Board, on March 2, 2018 and is open to the public. The open meeting law is posted continually for public inspection.

2. Roll Call – 4 present. Brown, Prince absent.

3. Reading of the Park & Recreation Board Minutes – Motion was made by Giese, seconded by Eairleywine to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as sent. Motion carried.

4. Request for use of Johnson Park Trail and Shelter on Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 7:30 am – 12:00pm for 3rd annual Walk with Phyllis fundraiser. Motion was made by Giese, seconded by Moran to approve the request and forward it on to City Council for final approval. Motion carried.

5. Request for use of Johnson Park Lake, Trail, Grounds and Shelter on Saturday, June 16, 2018 for annual Mike Baker Kids Fishing Day. Motion was made by Eairleywine, seconded by Giese to approve the request and forward it on to City Council for final approval. Motion carried.

6. Request for use of Hormel Park by the Nebraska Traditional Archers on April 27 – 29, 2018 and August 31 – September 2, 2018 for annual archery tournaments. Motion was made by Eairleywine, seconded by Giese to approve the request and forward it to City Council for final approval. Motion carried.

7. Request for use of John C Fremont Park and Shelter on Sunday, April 1, 2018 from 10:30am -11:30am by Cornerstone Church for an outdoor community service and gathering. Motion was made by Eairleywine, seconded by Moran to approve the request and forward it on to City Council for final approval. Motion carried.

8. Recreation Report – Schwanke
   * Preparations continue for summer.
   * Baseball registrations went to schools. Registration starts March 20.
   * Summer activity brochure was distributed it the Tribune and delivered to schools.
   * Bid sheets will be going out soon for summer t-shirt and supply needs.
   * Adult Co-Ed Volleyball league is finishing regular season and will begin tournament soon.
   * The Parks and Recreation Department will be administering the adult softball leagues for the summer of 2018.

9. Director's Report – Koski
   * Crews are working on snow removal and putting down ice melt today.
   * Slowly transitioning snow machines back to lawn mowers.
   * Irrigation project at Ridge Cemetery is underway. Contractor is assembling heads in his shop and work on installing will begin as soon as the weather allows. Plan is to have the project completed by May 1, 2018.
   * New mini excavator has been ordered for Ridge Cemetery and is expected to be delivered sometime in March.

* Getting bid sheets ready for projects and supplies.
* Thanks to Friends of Fremont Area Parks donation and matching KENO grant, the floatables at Splash Station are being replaced. Colors have been chosen and they are being fabricated now!
* Ridge Cemetery Association meeting on March 14, 2018.
* Keep Fremont Beautiful conducted interviews with 3 candidates and has hired Fremont native, Leila Hybl as the new Executive Director of Keep Fremont Beautiful.

10. New Discussion Items
    * Moran asked that the park evaluations be brought back at the April meeting and the board would like feedback on any projects that may be completed in the future.
    * Giese mentioned she gave an Eagle Scout candidate contact information for the parks and recreation department as he is seeking possible projects in the park to earn his Eagle Scout Badge.

11. Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 3, 2018

12. Adjournment – motion was made by Eairleywine, seconded by Giese to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Koski, Director of Parks & Recreation

I, the undersigned, the Secretary for the Parks and Recreation Department, Fremont, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the attached proceedings were contained in the notice of said meeting of March 6, 2018 kept continually current and available for public inspection at the Parks & Recreation Office; that such subjects were contained in said notice for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that the minutes of the Park Board of the Parks and Recreation Department, Fremont, Nebraska were in written form and available for public inspection prior to the next convened meeting of said body.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of March, 2018.

Kim Koski, Director of Parks & Recreation

March 9, 2018

STAFF REPORT

TO: Parks & Recreation Board Members

FROM: Kim Koski, Director of Parks & Recreation

DATE: March 30, 2018

SUBJECT: Request for Use of Christensen Field Parking Lot, Ridge Road Trail and Hormel Park by Fremont Cosmo Club for annual Spokes and Sneakers fundraiser.

Recommendation: Approve the request and forward to City Council for final approval.

Background: The Fremont Cosmo Club has requested use of the Christensen Field Parking Lot, Ridge Road Trail and Hormel Park on Saturday, May 5 from 8:30am – 11am for their annual Spokes and Sneakers fundraiser. The event will start with registration at Christensen Field and participants will ride/walk the Ridge Road Trail to Hormel Park for snacks and drinks and then return to Christensen Field. This fundraiser helps send (10) area children to Diabetes Camp this summer.

Fiscal Impact: None

STAFF REPORT

TO: Parks & Recreation Board Members

FROM: Nate Schwanke, Recreation Superintendent

DATE: March 27, 2018

SUBJECT: Request for Use of Clemmons Park (North Side of sled hill) April 7th – May 12th from 9:00am-12:00pm & April 10th – May 8th from 6:00-7:00pm by Happy Feet Soccer.

Recommendation: Approve the request and forward to City Council for final approval.

Background: Happy Feet Soccer league focuses on 18 mos-3 year olds. The League will run April 7th – May 12th practices will be held on Tuesday nights during that time frame, and games will be held on Saturday mornings. Happy Feet staff will be on site and only equipment used will be pop up soccer nets.

Fiscal Impact: None

STAFF REPORT

TO: Parks & Recreation Board Members

FROM: Nate Schwanke, Recreation Superintendent

DATE: March 27, 2018

SUBJECT: Request for Use of Johnson Lake Trail and Shelter from 7:30am-12:00pm on Saturday, April 21, 2018 by Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnerships for 5k/1-mile fun run.

Recommendation: Approve the request and forward to City Council for final approval.

Background: NENCAP is a private, non-profit corporation that serves an income-eligible population in a 14-county area in northeast Nebraska (including Dodge County). They will be holding (3) 5k/1-mile fun runs to raise awareness for the Agency and programs offered within. The 5k will consist of 3 full laps around the lake with the finish line being west of the main trail near Splash Station Parking lot.

Fiscal Impact: None

STAFF REPORT

TO: Parks & Recreation Board Members

FROM: Kim Koski, Director of Parks & Recreation

DATE: March 30, 2018

SUBJECT: Request for Use of Miller Park for Concert & Skateboarding Activities.

Recommendation: Approve the request and forward to City Council for final approval.

Background: One Life Nebraska has requested the use of Miller Park on Saturday, July 14, 2018. One Life Nebraska's Mission Statement, "To dynamically empower diverse methods for change, so that we may continue maintaining integrity, peace, love and unity." One Life Nebraska would like to host a concert and skateboarding activities on Saturday, July 14, 2018. They will be accepting donations for the Low Income Ministry.

Fiscal Impact: None

STAFF REPORT

TO: Parks & Recreation Board Members

FROM: Kim Koski, Director of Parks & Recreation

DATE: March 30, 2018

SUBJECT: Emerald Ash Borer Final Draft Proposal

Recommendation: Approve the request and forward to City Council for final approval.

Background: Please review this final draft proposal and bring any suggestions for improvement to the Park Board Meeting for further discussion.

Fiscal Impact: The City and Department of Utilities have budgeted money to support this plan to address the Emerald Ash Borer.

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CITY OF FREMONT - EMERALD ASH BORER PLAN

Background:

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a native of Asia and is believed to have arrived in the United States on solid wood packing material. The introduction of the EAB to North America has resulted in the loss of millions of ash trees, in landscapes, nurseries, woodlots and forests.

The EAB was first found infesting ash trees in the Detroit, Michigan area in the summer of 2002. Since then, the EAB has been found in Ohio in 2003; northern Indiana in 2004; northern Illinois and Maryland in 2006; western Pennsylvania and West Virginia in 2007; Missouri and Virginia in the summer of 2008; Minnesota, New York, Kentucky in the spring of 2009; Iowa in the spring of 2010; Tennessee in the summer of 2010; Connecticut, Kansas, and Massachusetts in the summer of 2012; New Hampshire in the spring of 2013; North Carolina and Georgia in the summer of 2013; Colorado in the fall of 2013; New Jersey in the spring of 2014; Arkansas in the summer of 2014; Louisiana in the winter of 2015; Texas in the spring of 2016; Nebraska and Delaware in the summer of 2016; and Oklahoma and Alabama in Fall 2016. Since its discovery, EAB has:

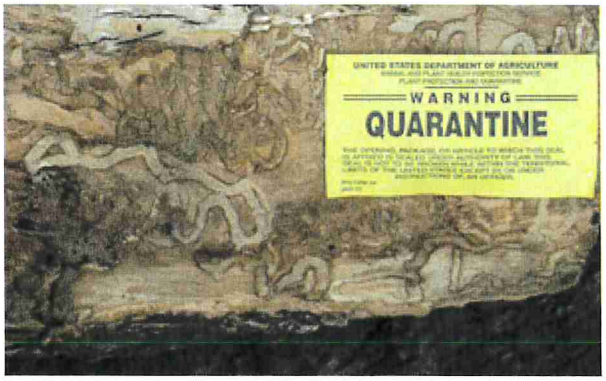
- Killed hundreds of millions of ash trees in North America.
- Caused regulatory agencies and the USDA to enforce quarantines and fines to prevent potentially infested ash trees, logs or hardwood firewood from moving out of areas where EAB occurs.
- Cost municipalities, property owners, nursery operators and forest products industries hundreds of millions of dollars.

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) has confirmed that the EAB was discovered during a site inspection in Omaha's Pulaski Park on June 6, 2016. The EAB has also been confirmed in Greenwood and Cass Counties. It will inevitably make its way into other parts of Nebraska within the next few years. All ash species are potential hosts.

Adults are approximately 1/2" long and 1/8" wide and have a metallic green color. Larvae are cream-colored, flattened and grow approximately one inch in length. Typically, the EAB requires a one-year life cycle. Adult beetles emerge in the spring and can be found from mid-May to early August. The adult EAB exits the tree through a distinctive, D-shaped exit hole, about 1/8" in size. After mating, females lay their eggs on the bark surface and in bark cracks. Larvae hatch in the summer and tunnel into the ash tree, feeding on the phloem and outer sapwood. The larvae create very distinct, S-shaped serpentine galleries under the bark, which disrupts the movement of water and nutrients through the tree.

How Is the Emerald Ash Borer Spread?

The EAB can be spread through the movement of infested ash nursery stock, ash firewood and other ash material. To prevent artificial movement of infested articles, the Federal Government enacted an EAB quarantine, restricting interstate movement of ash nursery stock, ash limbs and branches, as log or untreated ash lumber with bark attached, un-composted ash bark chips larger than 1" in diameter and all species of hardwood firewood.



How Can the Public Help Prevent the Spread of the Emerald Ash Borer?

- Don't move firewood.
- Purchase only certified nursery stock from licensed and inspected nursery firms.
- Report suspect quarantine violations.

Treatment Consideration

Now that the EAB is here, it will be with us forever. The EAB does not kill the tree immediately. It takes a few years of continued infestation before the tree begins to

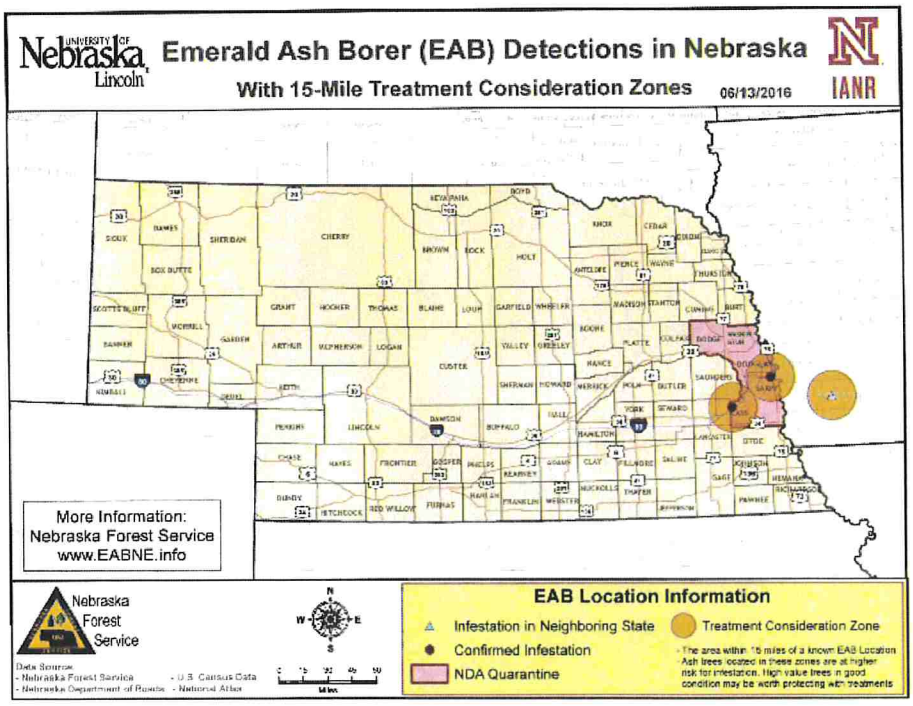
decline. Insecticide treatments against EAB are available, but will cause cumulative damage to trees. Treatments are not a one-time occurrence. Treatments are expensive and are required for the lifespan of the tree. There are drawbacks of treatments. Treatments will cause damage to the tree at the injection sites. Most are applied by drilling a hole into the trunk, which opens up the trunk to insect pests and decay fungi. The drilling may also break through internal barriers within the trunk that have been made to wall off internal decay. This decay may then spread from the inside out through the tree. Pesticides may also pose a risk to humans, pets and wildlife.

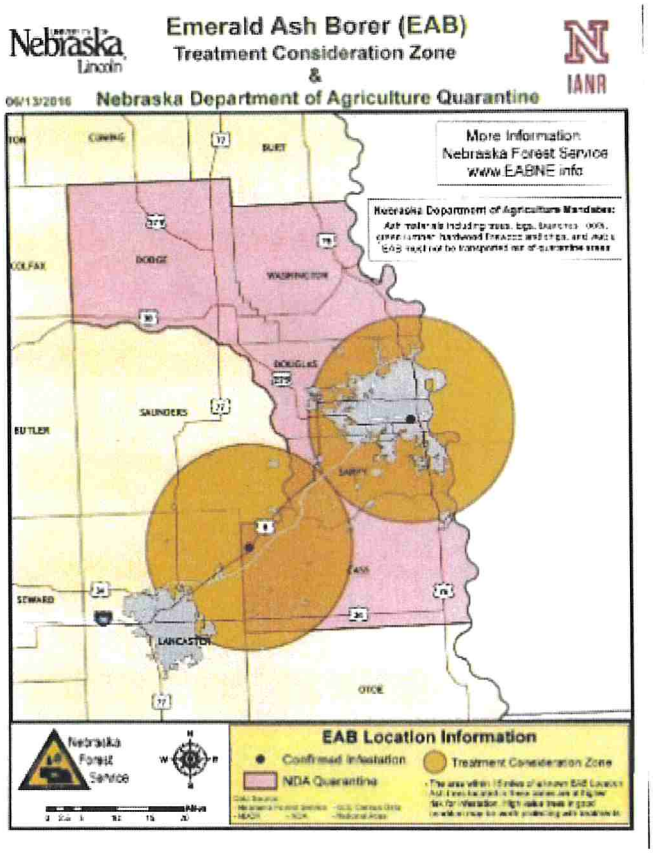
There are many benefits of trees: shade, beauty, improved air quality and stormwater regulation. A well-placed tree may be extremely valuable and some trees may have great historical or sentimental value. But considering the cost, potential damage and varying effectiveness of treatments, it is wise to be very selective when deciding which ash trees to save, if any.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Quarantine

On July 8, 2016, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), a department of the United States Department of Agriculture, issued a Federal Order (DA-2016-46) to quarantine Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties. The quarantine established a regulated area to prevent the spread of EAB to other states and outlines specific conditions for the interstate movement of EAB-regulated wood in Nebraska, including firewood of all hardwood species, nursey stock, green lumber, waste, compost, and chips of ash species.

What Areas of Nebraska are Quarantined





Why Are All Hardwood Chips/Mulch/Bark/and Firewood Regulated
Once a log has been cut and split, it is extremely difficult for the average person to identify ash wood from other hardwood species. Because of the difficulty in differentiating between wood species and the high risk associated with moving EAB infested firewood and chips/mulch/bark, all hardwood firewood and chips/mulch/bark are regulated.

City of Fremont - Emerald Ash Borer Plan

A. Public Ash Tree Inventory:
   1. The City of Fremont will complete an inventory and map of all public ash trees in the summer of 2018. A preliminary inventory includes 600 trees in City rights-of-way (ROW) between the City street and sidewalk, 100 trees in City parks, and nearly 200 trees in City ROW under electrical lines. The inventory data will be used to manage Fremont's public trees, including: identifying areas for removal, areas for replanting, species diversification, and education.

   2. Prepare a map of each park, City right-of-way, and City building with ash trees showing a 10-year schedule of:
      a. Existing ash trees to be removed by year,

b. Trees scheduled for replacement by year, and
c. Type of tree to be planted, by year.

3. The City ash tree inventory and map will be maintained, updated, and reviewed annually.

4. Over the next 10-years, the City will budget for ash tree removal and replacement. The 2017-18 and 2018-19 Parks & Rec budgets include $6,000 for tree removal and replacement in each budget year. The Department of Utility will budget monies to remove ash trees during the normal tree trimming cycle.

5. Ash trees in City ROW will removed free of charge. If citizen wants just deadwood removed, they will have to pay to have a licensed tree trimmer do the work.

B. Ash Trees on Private Property:
1. The City will make available a disposal site for ash trees removed by from private property in Fremont. A disposal fee will be developed to offset the City's cost of operating the disposal site and grinder/chipper.

2. Remove and Replace Program: The City is developing a Trees for Fremont replacement program. Through budgeting and grants, the City would like to purchase up to (3) varieties of trees from nursery stock so citizens can purchase replacement trees at a reasonable cost.

C. Education:
1. Keeping the community informed of the management of EAB is key. To this end, the City will host workshops to help homeowners identify ash trees and emerald ash borer sighting, posting regular information on the City website, articles and news releases, and using social media to educate and inform.

2. The City will make the information available to the public regarding response to EAB by the Parks and Recreation Department as well as maps of the City where EAB has been found, neighborhoods that are participating in the City Remove and Replace Program.

D. Ash Wood Utilization:
1. Chips: The City will grind/chip ash tree debris to use for compost at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and attempt to sell chips to private suppliers of landscaping mulch.

2. Wood: The City will seek private partners to mill logs for lumber.