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CITY OF CASCADE, IOWA  
SPECIAL PARK BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022, 5:00PM AT  
CASCADE CITY HALL, 320 1<sup>ST</sup> AVE W

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approve the Agenda
4. Public Comment
5. Tree Donation Program in City Parks
6. Adjournment

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## October 24, 2022 Park Board Agenda

**To: Park Board**

**From: Lisa Kotter, City Administrator**

**Date: October 21, 2022**

**Re: Tree Donation Program for City Parks**

Park Board....this is the explanation I am giving to the City Council and sharing with the Board on details.

As the City Council is aware, Cascade was hit hard with the Emerald Ash Borer disease and has had to remove many trees in the two City Parks. There is still one more that needs to be removed from Riverview and nearly 15 trees in the Community Park. We have a price of \$11,000 to remove 15 trees and trim 5 more. These are all diseased and dying from Emerald Ash Borer. The City has not budgeted funds to replace this number of trees. The Park Board has been discussing a tree donation program. The Board will be having a special meeting as this is the ideal time to buy and/or plant trees and waiting for additional meetings will mean we may lose this opportunity. I have been working with Bill McCarthy on a list of trees that will be able to grow in our two parks. One thing that is important is that we have a variety of species so that no one species wipes out the majority of trees in the future. There is a nursery that Bill has been working with, Kelly Tree Farm, that is willing to give us a bigger discount if we take approximately 25 trees now before winter. Bill has access to a safe wintering location and is willing to care for the trees over the winter. We would like to have the authority to purchase 25 trees at a total of \$5,000. We would then promote a tree donation program. Three trees can be donated at Riverview Park and twenty-two at the Community Park. The cost to donate a tree is recommended at \$325 without a memorial plaque and \$425 with a plaque. We are working on the plaques. We are looking at a small, flush to the ground plaque so as to not interfere with mowing practices. The goal is that we get all trees donated but to get the best price it makes sense to purchase them now. The estimate is that if we wait to purchase the trees in the Spring that we will pay 20% more or an extra \$1000. If the City Council is agreeable to approve this policy, there is a Resolution outlining the Fall purchase, donation program.

The trees would be 10-gallon, 2 inch trees from the following species:

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 types of Sugar Maples Trees  | Espresso No pod, Coffee Tree |
| Disease Resistant Red Elm Tree | Hack Berry Tree              |
| Swamp White Oak Tree           | Red Oak                      |

We would limit how many of each type will be planted on a first come, first served basis.

**RESOLUTION #77-22**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TREE DONATION PROGRAM FOR  
CITY PARKS IN THE CITY OF CASCADE, IOWA**

WHEREAS, the City of Cascade Park Trees were seriously overtaken by Emerald Ash Borer disease which necessitated the removal of a large number of trees; and,

WHEREAS, the City has limited funding to replant trees at the same pace as those removed; and,

WHEREAS, the City will be able to replant more trees by creating a donation program for area residents to donate trees in honor or in memory of loved ones or organizations; and,

WHEREAS, resident Bill McCarthy, who has partnered with the City in a tree program, is willing to house 25 trees over the winter to allow for a discounted purchase of trees to be planted in the Spring.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASCADE, IOWA, that:

SECTION I. The City Council approves the purchase of 25 trees from Kelly Tree Farm at a cost of \$5,000 and to initiate a tree donations at City Parks with a purchase of \$325 for a tree and \$425 for a tree and plaque.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

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Steven Knepper, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa A. Kotter, City Administrator and  
Interim City Clerk