

February 8, 2023

Chairperson Herold inquired about the soil condition at the site. City Forester Westphal explained that the soil there is compact due to the park creek cleanup and there is gravel underneath the soil on the east side of the park. The City would check the soil conditions prior to planting and mentioned that the trees would be planted with a berm depending on the soil conditions.

Paul Rushing inquired about the berm and expressed his concern that a berm may cause a separation in the park and may look unnatural. City Forester Westphal explained that the berm would be about 3 feet high and around 8 feet wide. This could be altered depending on what they find when they evaluate the soil. Paul Rushing suggested instead, to dig a trench and fill that with high quality soil to avoid the berm. City Forester Westphal said that they would consider that as an option.

Chairperson Herold inquired why the use of a Kwanzan Cherry tree was decided and expressed concern about the heartiness of the trees. City Forester Westphal explained that those trees flower profusely and are double flowering trees. He also said that those trees will do well in that location based on his research.

The Board members further discussed the berm, soil compaction, and drainage. City Forester Westphal expressed that he would like to plant the trees without the berm but will have to evaluate the soil and drainage conditions beforehand to see if it would be possible without it. He said he will notify the Board with his findings.

Motion was made by Terry Wagner, seconded by Paul Rushing, to approve the concept of the Cedarburg Green's cherry tree planting plan for Adlai Horn Park. Motion carried without a negative vote with James Schara excused.

Discuss 2022 Tree City USA Report; and Action Thereon

City Forester Westphal went over the 2022 Tree City USA report. He touched on street trees, vacant tree sites, removals, Ash trees, stump removals by contractor, street and park tree planting and replacement plantings. There were no comments or concerns from the Board.

No further action was needed.

REPORTS

Director Friess reported on the ice rink at Cedar Creek Park, Rotary-All Children's Playground, Jason Scheer's new position, and the pickleball nets and courts.

Superintendent Anderson reported on basketball, pool pass renewals, Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Activity Guide, t-ball, flag football, no school day open gym, soccer, hiring for summer positions, and the Riveredge hike.

City Forester Westphal reported on pruning, cycle pruning, crown raising, pre-construction pruning, tree orders, removals, and the Wisconsin Arborist conference.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Brian Clement, seconded by Council Member Verhaalen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with James Schara excused.

Chandler Steffen
Recreation Coordinator