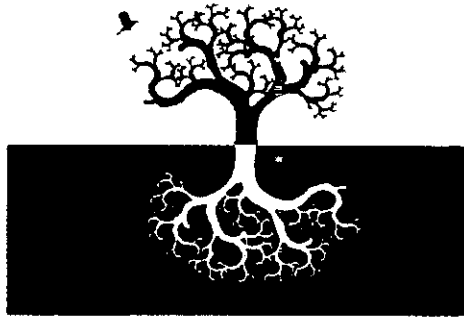


**CLOQUET PARKS COMMISSION
AGENDA**

**Pine Valley
Monday, August 31, 2015 4:30 p.m.**

ACTION TAKEN

1. **Call to Order.** _____
2. **Approval of Minutes.** _____
 - a. August 3, 2015, Regular Commission Meeting.
(Additions, deletions, or corrections)
3. **Announcements, Agenda Adjustments, Correspondence, and Other Comments.** _____
4. **Information and Reports.** _____
 - a. Community Ed Report –Ruth
 - b. City Staff Report – Les/Caleb
 - Legacy Funding.
 - Tree Program.
 - Project Update.
 - Maintenance Activities.
 - c. Commissioners Update/Other.
5. **Future Items.**
 - Next Regular Meeting (October 5, 2015) – City Hall
6. **Adjourn.**



"I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree"

These words by American poet Joyce Kilmer capture the love most people share for trees. This sentiment may be especially appropriate in urban areas where trees are particularly noticeable and play critical roles in the quality of life. Trees are also major capital assets in our cities and towns.—as much an integral part of the scene as streets, sidewalks, and buildings—they represent a major component of the "green infrastructure."

(From the United States Department of Agriculture handout., *Benefits of Urban Trees*)



Did you know that trees...

Are the principle generators of pure oxygen

Clean pollutants from the air

Capture rain water

Stabilize the soil

Reduce energy costs by:

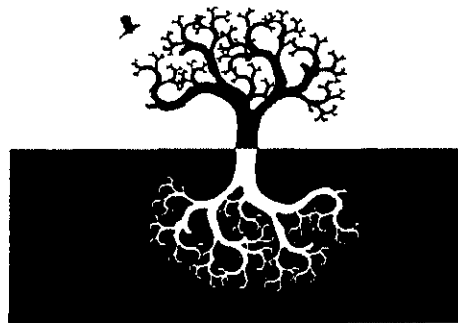
--Providing shade in the summer

--Blocking winter winds

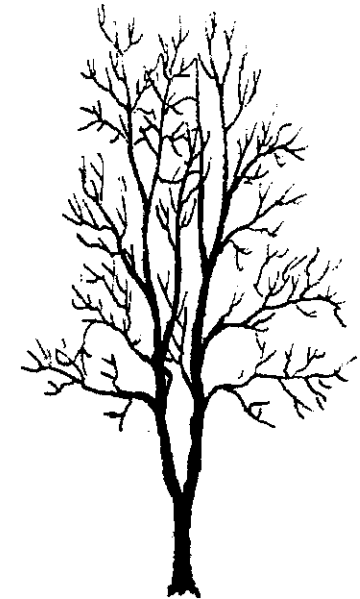
Add value to real estate

Are a refuge for wildlife

Reduce anxiety and stress



*A Tribute
That grows.....*



*Memorial - Arbor Day
Anniversary - Mother's Day
Birthday - Earth Day
Father's Day - Graduation
Valentine's Day
Graduation*

CITY OF CLOQUET
Tribute Tree Program

Are you looking for a unique way to recognize an individual or occasion?

Consider the
City of Cloquet's
Tribute Tree Program

Program Purpose

The program encourages the purchase of trees as a gift, paying tribute to individuals or groups, or for special occasions.

- ☞ Birth
- ☞ Anniversary
- ☞ Retirement
- ☞ Graduation
- ☞ Holiday
- ☞ Memorial
- ☞ Relative or Friend

Citizens and businesses participating in the program not only leave a living, growing legacy for future generations, they assist in beautifying the city.

Remember . . .

One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade

—Chinese Proverb

Tribute Tree Program

- ☞ Citizens can purchase a tree for \$150.
- ☞ Choice of species: Oak, Maple, Linden, Japanese Tree Lilac, or Elm (disease resistant variety). Diameter will be 1.5 - 2 inches. *The City will make every effort to provide the species of your choice; however substitutions may be made based on availability of stock.
- ☞ Planting location: The donor selects which boulevard or park the tree will be planted in. *Subject to City Approval
- ☞ Planting is done in the spring (May 1-June 15). Application must be in by December 1 (previous year).
- ☞ A City crew will plant the tree and care for it for the duration of its life. We ask the property owner to water boulevard trees.
- ☞ Tribute Trees are guaranteed for one year; if a tree fails during this time, the City will replace it at no cost.
- ☞ The donor, or the donor's recipient, will receive a Tribute Tree Certificate signed by the Mayor of Cloquet and may have a custom message.

If you have any other questions, please call:
Cloquet Parks Department at 218-879-6758

Tribute Tree Application

Completely fill in form and submit with payment (make check payable to City of Cloquet)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Choice of Species*

- Red Maple Silver Maple Linden
Japanese Tree Lilac Red Oak
Elm (Disease Resistant)

*See previous page

Location of Tribute Tree

State the boulevard and/or neighborhood where you would like the tree(s) planted.

Certificate Message

State your custom message:

Important: Application must be in by December 1 (previous year).

Return to:

City of Cloquet
Park Department
1307 Cloquet Avenue
Cloquet, MN 55720





Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

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August 5, 2015

Re: Application for Designation as a Regionally Significant Park or Trail: Pine Valley

At-Large Member

Anita Rasmussen
Sartell

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Dear Caleb Peterson:

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Your application has been reviewed and given a "Medium" ranking in this application cycle. The ETeam recognized potential in your facility, however your concept and the supporting information provided did not warrant a full evaluation and scoring of the facility. We encourage you to review the Commission's Strategic Plan when considering changes in your application to meet the high expectation for quality outdoor recreation established by the criteria, if you wish to apply again in the future.

The ETeam did provide the following comments to help you understand their evaluation: Great size and quality, but is not anything unique in features for the region. It is local use primarily and will not be a regional draw based on the variety and quality of recreation amenities in the area. Very good application otherwise.

The Commission wants to be clear: projects that received a "Medium" ranking need improvement before they should be resubmitted for Regional designation. Should you have questions, please visit our website www.GMRPTCommission.org, or contact one of the two Commissioners that represent your District.

Sincerely,

Donald "Al" Liefkort, Chair
GMRP&T Commission





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August 5, 2015

Re: Application for Designation as a Regionally Significant Park or Trail: St. Louis River Waterfront

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Your application has been reviewed and given a "Low" ranking in this application cycle. Unfortunately, the ETeam did not feel that the information presented in the application compared well against the criteria for your classification. Should you decide to apply again in the future, this application will require significant development of its concept and supporting materials to meet the high expectation for quality outdoor recreation established by the criteria set forth in our Strategic Plan.

The ETeam did provide the following comments to help you understand their evaluation: Great local project. Doesn't meet our criteria for regional significance or amenities.

The Commission wants to be clear: projects that received a "Low" ranking will not continue in the 2015 designation process and will have a difficult task to prove regional significance in the future. Should you have questions, please visit our website www.GMRPTCommission.org, or contact one of the two Commissioners that represent your District.

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