Local Organization Supports Tree Planting at Manitowoc Park

The Manitowoc Unit of the Manitowoc County Fish and Game Protective Association has approved the appropriation of funding to the city of Manitowoc Parks Department for the planting of trees at Lincoln Park on the north side of Manitowoc.

At the December meeting of the organization, Gregg Wolf, a longtime member, made a suggestion that because of the devastation that has been caused by the Emerald Ash Borer and the loss of so much timber, we should look at the possibility of helping the city by supplying some trees to plant at Lincoln Park.

With that in mind city parks manager Curtis Hall was invited to speak at the organization's January meeting. After a great presentation about the parks in Manitowoc we approached him with our idea and he informed us of many options. A committee was formed at that meeting to study the idea and the committee came back with recommendations to move forward. The recommendations that were brought to the membership were to appropriate $2000.00 in funding for trees to plant. Also it was suggested that the trees be planted on Bayshore Trail between the new parking lot off of Reed Avenue and the Little Manitowoc River and that the trees be native trees to this area and that the trees be good for use by wildlife and/or pollinators. It was also recommended that signs be placed on both ends of the tree line recognizing the Manitowoc Unit of Fish and Game as the donor.

These recommendations were brought to the membership at the February meeting and after unanimous approval the motion passed. After that contact was made again with Curtis Hall. He forwarded the project to Parks Planner, Brock Wetenkamp. Mr. Wetenkamp returned with a proposal for the work to be done and yes it met all the requested recommendations.

There will be a total of eight trees/shrubs planted from the kayak launch north toward Reed Avenue along the Bayshore Trail. The trees and shrubs are of all different varieties and should be very beneficial for the environment, wildlife, birds and pollinators. Signage will be installed upon planting. Planting will take place this spring.

The committee is also committed to do more planting in the future at Silver Creek Park. That will be addressed in the future,