Resolution 2014-316

Resolution Ordering Hearing to Consider Assessing Certain Properties to Defray the Cost of Removing Diseased Trees from Private Property During 2013 and 2014

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has, pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 18G.13 and section 429.101, subdivisions 1(6), caused certain diseased trees on various private properties to be removed; and

Whereas, Said Board has caused to be prepared a diseased tree removal assessment roll to be levied against the various properties and which is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board;

RESOLVED, That the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will hold a public hearing in the Park and Recreation Board's Meeting Room at 2117 West River Road, in the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, on the 19th day of November, 2014, at 5:45 p.m. for the purpose of levying special assessments against properties located throughout the City of Minneapolis for removal of diseased trees from private property, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 18G.13 and section 429.101, subdivisions 1(6). The properties proposed to be assessed are listed on the proposed assessment roll on file in the office of the Secretary of the Park and Recreation Board. Written or oral objections by any property owner to the proposed assessments may be presented and will be considered at the public hearing. Property owners will have a right to appeal an assessment to the District Court, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the Secretary of the Park and Recreation Board or the Mayor or Clerk of the City of Minneapolis within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the District Court within ten (10) days after service upon the Secretary of the Park and Recreation Board or the Mayor or Clerk of the City of Minneapolis. No appeal may be taken as to the amount of any assessment adopted, unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the Secretary of the Park and Recreation Board or the Clerk of the City of Minneapolis prior to the assessment hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing.

TO: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

FROM: Julia Wiseman, Director Finance

DATE: October 22, 2014

SUBJECT: Resolution Ordering Hearing to Consider Assessing Certain Properties to Defray the Cost of Removing Diseased Trees from Private Property During 2013 and 2014

BACKGROUND

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 18G.13 and section 429.101, subdivisions 1(6), identified and caused diseased trees on various private properties to be removed during 2012 and 2013. Private properties within the City of Minneapolis have the option to pay for the tree removal in full or have the cost assessed. The actual contracted tree removal cost, administrative charge and removal interest charge is placed as a special assessment on the property owner's property taxes.

The cost is spread in an installment method over five years with a five percent interest factor added to each installment. The first installment for this special assessment will appear on the 2014 property tax statement. A public hearing for this assessment is proposed for November 19, 2014 to provide the property owner an opportunity to address the Board regarding the assessment.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board order the public hearing to consider assessing certain properties to defray the cost of removing diseased trees from said property during 2012 and 2013.

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