Minneapolis
Park & Recreation Board

Resolution 2021-355

Resolution Assessing Certain Properties to Defray the Cost of Removing Diseased Trees From Private Properties During 2019 through 2021

Whereas**,** The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) is the steward of Minneapolis parks and the urban forest;

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (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;

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

Whereas, Said Board, after due notice to affected property owners, held a public hearing on November 17, 2021, relative to the levying of such assessments; and

Whereas, This resolution is supported by the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan, which envisions “Urban forests, natural areas, and waters that endure and captivate;”

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners assess certain properties to defray the cost of removing diseased trees from private properties during 2019 through 2021;

RESOLVED, That the assessment rolls, on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Board, is adopted by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and is hereby assessed and levied against and upon each lot and parcel of land described therein, the respective amounts of money set against each lot or parcel of land as the special assessment against the lands named therein, to defray the cost of diseased tree removal from said properties, to be payable in five or ten equal annual installments, with interest thereon at three percent per annum and the Secretary of the Board be, and is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution together with said assessment roll to the Finance Director of Hennepin County to enter said amounts on the tax lists of the County; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board and Secretary to the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

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TO: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

FROM: Julia Wiseman, Director Finance

DATE: November 17, 2021

SUBJECT: Resolution Assessing Certain Properties to Defray the Cost of Removing Diseased Trees From Private Properties During 2019 through 2021

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 2019 through 2021. Private properties within the City of Minneapolis are assessed for the cost of the diseased tree removals. A public hearing for this assessment is scheduled for November 17, 2021 to provide property owners an opportunity to address the Board of Commissioners regarding the assessment. Once the public hearing is completed, the Board of Commissioners will consider this resolution to levy the assessment.

The levied assessment includes the actual contracted tree removal cost, administrative charge, and removal interest. This cost is spread in an installment method over five or ten years with a three percent interest factor added to each installment. The certified levied assessment is sent to Hennepin County for collection as a special assessment. The first installment for this special assessment will appear on the 2022 taxes.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners adopt the resolution assessing certain properties to defray the cost of removing diseased trees from private properties during 2019 through 2021.

This action is supported by the following vision and goal statements in the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan.

Vision Theme 1: Urban forests, natural areas, and waters that endure and captivate.

Vision Theme 3: Dynamic parks that shape city character and meet diverse community needs.

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Goal: Financially independent and sustainable parks prosper.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A: TreePendingAssessments 2019 -2021 (PDF)

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