AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Drew Bontrager, Public Works Director

DATE: May 6, 2019

RE: **Park Board Appointments**

The terms of Jennifer Helmich, Jason Jones, and Richard Whalen expire this month. All three members have agreed to volunteer their time and serve on the Board for another term. The Park Board recommends re-appointment of all three members.

The Park Board is a nine-member board with members serving three-year terms. The terms are staggered and expire in the month of June. Park Board appointments are outlined by Ordinance, and state the Mayor shall appoint members, with the consent of the Council, chosen from citizens at large with reference to their fitness for such office.

There was also a vacancy created by the resignation of Ruth Sears. These openings were advertised in the Citizen Observer and city website. We received a total of four applicants, Matt Arndt, Quinten Lovejoy, Brittany Murdock and Kevin Moore. All four were qualified candidates. The Park Board reviewed all four, and recommends Matt Arndt, based on his past applications and his background as a certified arborist. Matt Arndt would fulfill the two remaining years of the Ruth Sears term.