

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rushford currently has a Tree Ordinance and a Parks & Recreation Ordinance addressing trees, parks and recreation facilities within the City with separate boards to carry out the duties assigned; and

**WHEREAS**, the City no longer needs to plan for recreation programs, as the R/P School Community Education Program has taken over the seasonal recreation programs, but does wish to provide for long range planning of the existing parks, trails and recreational areas within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing Tree Ordinance contains significant detail on the well-being and maintenance of the City's urban forest resources both public and private and coordinates policies with the Rushford Municipal Electric for electrical line maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City to retain the existing Tree Ordinance and to amend that ordinance to include a larger scope of duties for the board members to include immediate and long range planning regarding parks and recreational facilities and may also include advising the Council on the management of natural resources, wildlife and preservation issues; and

**WHEREAS**, this amendment will avoid duplication of duties and help to make the best use of volunteer board members and their time and expertise; and

**WHEREAS**, the amended title of the ordinance and board to reflect the enhanced scope of duties shall be that of "Trees, Trails & Parks Ordinance" and "Trees, Trails & Park Board";  
**NOW, THEREFORE**

**THE CITY OF RUSHFORD ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1.** That certain ordinance entitled "Ordinance Establishing a Commission to Plan and Supervise the Development of the Parks and Recreation Facilities of the City of Rushford", dated June 19, 1978 is hereby revoked; and

That certain ordinance entitled "A Tree Ordinance for the City of Rushford", dated May 12, 2008 is hereby amended to also provide for and plan for City parks, open space systems, recreational facilities and recreational trails and will be entitled "A Trees, Trails & Parks Ordinance".

**SECTION 2.** Section II. Statement of Authority and Purpose. This ordinance is enacted under the authority of Chapter 1 of the Rushford City Charter and Minnesota Statutes Section 412.222 and 412.221, Subd. 8. and 412.491

Section IV, Subd. G of that certain ordinance described above originally as A Tree Ordinance shall be amended to include the following language:

G. Board Responsibilities.

5. The Board shall develop and review plans and advise the Council on both immediate and long range planning on the acquisition and development of parks and recreational facilities which may include advising the Council on natural resource, wildlife management and natural preservation issues. The Board shall also make and furnish studies, reports and recommendations as the Council may request.

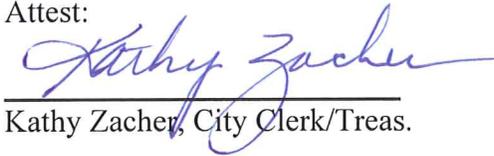
**SECTION 3.** This ordinance amendment shall be effective upon its passage and publication according to law.

Adopted by the Rushford City Council this 13th day of May, 2013.



Chris Hallum, Mayor

Attest:



Kathy Zacher, City Clerk/Treas.