

MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
Tree Board

11/29/2018 09:30 AM
Public Works Conference Room

A Tree Board was held in the Public Works Conference Room and called to order by LuAnne Engh at 09:30 AM on 11/29/2018.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

☒ LuAnne Engh, Chairman
☐ Aaron Christiansen, Vice-
Chairman
☒ Walter Widdis, Secretary
☒ Dale Ahrens

☒ Richard Herr
☐ Matt Wheeler
☒ Kurt Markegard
☒ Phyllis Bromgard

OTHERS PRESENT:

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1. Public Input

- a. Guest - Lynn Peterson - Graff School Principal - Introduced
- b. Lynn was updated on the procedures of Arbor Day - she offered to connect with all school administration and her staff.
- c. Kurt mentioned that currently the city code says all city boulevards must have trees and green grass maintained. With the cost of water, citizens are looking at dryscape and rocks. There is nothing in place to address this. Possibly this section should be under the Street and Ally committee and not the Tree Board

- d. Information about the rules of planting trees could be added to the water bill in the Spring - reminding citizens that they may need a permit to plant trees

2. General Items

- a. Arbor proclamation will be presented at the council meeting next Tuesday, Dec. 4th
- b. Arbor Day - May 7, 2019 - South Pond - Approximately 11:00.
- c. Trees that will be planted are(3) - 2" Amber Blaze Maple and (3) - 2" Hackberry trees which will cost about \$1800 - Matt Wheeler was unable to attend. We will check to see if he has started the bid request.
- d. Our balance in the city account is \$1200 - we will probably need to raise \$1200 depending on how much we receive in donated supplies.
- e. Theme for Arbor Day - Walter will put an article in the Outlooks asking any students to submit a theme and design. None were received. LHS was asked to participate but none were received. The Baptist Church had their students do an art contest and their winner is 3rd grader Colton Watts with TREES ARE FOR EVERYONE with 5 trees of various colors.
- f. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept this design with a change of theme to TREES HELP EVERYONE. Walter will work up a graphic of this so we can use it for shirts, banners and fundraising letters.
- g. LuAnne has sent out emails to our vendors - LHS will participate this year too.
- h. Next meeting we should have our fundraising letter prepared, tree placement settled and t-shirt colors decided.
- i. Downtown tree District - Aaron is making an inventory and maintenance list to be used for the LURA grant due in March.

3. New Business

- a. Dale researched the DNRC mini grant for schools (\$500) Lynn Peterson offered to work on it with help from the District Clerk.
- b. Lynn also agreed to be the motivational speaker for the ceremony

4. Old Business

- a. Grants - Dale and Kurt finished the DNRC grant for \$750 - to be sent in next month.
- b. Walmart Grant - due in Feb. - Dale asked how many we will feed - probably 200 plus we also do the sub sandwich (\$50 worth) for vendors
- c. Northwest Energy Grant - \$500 - Bethany did this last year. LuAnne will check with her to see if this is available this year.

- d. Fran is planning to remove the Russian Olives on the south side of the pond. He would also be willing to replant pine trees on the ridge as there is water available there. Summer help will weed eat around the trees.
- e. Stumps in Thompson Park have not been removed - mowing over them is OK.
- f.

5. Other Items

- a. Lions - Phyllis reported the group has blueprints for the dock and pathway - they have raised \$4,000 - they are applying to Lions International for funds (that will need to be matched) It was suggested they get a firm figure on the paving.
- b. Karen Courtney - Code changes - Karen was unable to attend
- c. Vandalism and Camera for South Pond - not much can be done since it is so expensive to connect the park to the Cop Shop
- d. Volunteer Hours - LuAnne 10, Richard 5, Aaron 5, Dale 12, Phyllis 4, Walter 5

6. Announcements

- a. Next meeting January 17th - 9:30

The Tree Board adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnne Engh
Committee Chairman

NOTE: This meeting is open to the public. This meeting is for information and discussion of listed agenda items.