

MINUTES  
CITY OF LAUREL  
Tree Board  
10/18/2018 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 10/18/2018.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LuAnne Engh, Chairman             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Herr |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aaron Christiansen, Vice-Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Wheeler            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Widdis, Secretary          | <input type="checkbox"/> Kurt Markegard          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Ahrens                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Phyllis Bromgard        |

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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1. Public Input

- a. None

2. General Items

- a. Arbor Day - May 7, 2019 - South Pond - Approximately 11:30.
- b. Trees that will be planted are( 3) - 2" Amber Blaze Maple and (3) - 2" Hackberry trees which will cost about \$1800 - We need to check with Matt Wheeler to see if he needs to get bids for this amount or if we just purchase from the best source. This give us an idea of how much we need to raise this year.

- c. Theme for Arbor Day - Walter will put an article in the Outlooks asking any students to submit a theme and design. We will talk to the HS, MS and elementary and home schoolers.
- d. General tree maintenance throughout the city has been done
- e. 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. Grants - The DNRC grants for Arbor Day (\$750 + \$300) are due Jan 19<sup>th</sup>. Aaron will talk to Kurt about these and the Urban Forestry Grant due Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Walmart Grant is not due until Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> - Dale is also talking to Walmart about the Employee volunteer program which would generate funds too. For each volunteer we would receive the equivalent of their wages as a donation.
- c. Northwest Energy Grant - \$500 - Bethany did this last year. LuAnne will check with her to see if this is available this year.
- d. The DNRC Urban Forestry grant due next month for up to \$15K is something we are very interested in pursuing but there isn't enough time this year. LuAnne suggested these funds could be used for Riverside for tree removal which is so expensive. The committee felt the Park Board should be in charge of that.
- e. Clean Up South Pond/Lion's Park - Coordination with churches and community groups in the Spring. Ask Fran for a list of the jobs that need to be done.

### 4. Old Business

- a. Pacific Recycling has finished the plates for identifying the trees planted last year during Arbor Day - they look very nice and we appreciate their donation. LuAnne will take a photo and send a thank you.

### 5. Other Items

- a. Karen Courtney - Code changes - Karen was unable to attend
- b. Vandalism and Camera for South Pond - Walter talked to Chief Musson - cost is very high but we still don't have an exact cost.
- c. We will invite Lynne Peterson, Graff Principal to the January Meeting
- d. Seeley Daniels, HS teacher and FFA advisor will meet with LuAnne Nov. 9th

### 6. Announcements

- a. Next meeting November 29<sup>th</sup> - 9:30
- b. December Meeting - December 20<sup>th</sup> - 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.**