

Minutes City of Laurel Tree Board

09/6/18 9:30 AM
Public Works Conference Room

A Tree Board Meeting was held in the Public Works Conference Room and called to order by LuAnne Engh at 9:30 on 9-6-18.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

LuAnne Engh, Chairman
Aaron Christensen, V-Chair
Dale Ahrens
Walter Widdis

Richard Herr
Fran Schweigert, City
Matt Wheeler, City

No Guests

1. Public Input
 - a. None
2. General Items
 - a. 2019 Arbor Day – 5-7-19 South Pond – 11:30
 - No theme yet – we'll contact the HS FFA and the new Graff Principal
 - Scope of the project – 9 trees are in the plan but 4 trees need to be added to the wind rows, 3 on 8th street and 1 on Railroad. Fran says the 9 trees on the plan are located on waterlines and need to be repositioned. Final decision will be in Nov.
 - Balance of budget from last year - \$1200
 - b. Replacement trees & Maintenance – remaining balance \$11,500
 - Fran just planted 5 new trees in Thompson – sale from ACE – 2 Tartara Maples, 2 Autumn Blaze Maples, 1 White Birch
 - 5 stumps in Thompson need to be ground – Matt to get bids
 - Trees in Nutting need to be trimmed – Matt to get bids
 - Veteran Park needs two replacement trees – Aaron can provide guarantees if River Ridge plants the trees. Honey Locust
 - Downtown needs trees trimmed – Aaron suggested we divide the business district in sections and start with the older trees closest to city hall. We'll do this if there is money left this year.

3. New Business

- a. Grants – DNRC - \$15,000 – Dale will follow up with this
NW Energy - \$500 we received this last year can we still qualify?
Walmart – deadline is in Feb.
- b. Elena Subdivision – Balance in Account \$10,000 – Park Maintenance Fund
This money is for trees, equipment (mower) and possibly playground
Grass is doing well but the trees around the pond are still weak.

4. Old Business

- a. Karen Courtney – Code Enforcer
 - Dead Tree on Pennsylvania will require a formal letter
 - Karen will report next month on the code changes

5. Other items

- a. Vandalism in South Pond
 - Fran has painted the door to the shed twice, ropes are cut on the new trees, continued dog violations – no one picks up after their pets.
 - Camera cost – Walter will check with the police.
 - Lions – don't have the funds to donate to the camera at this time
 - Tree Board to donate up to \$500 to cover the cost of a camera

6. Announcements

- a. Next meeting Oct. 18 – 9:30 – we'll continue to use the new space upstairs
- b. Nov. 15th and Dec. 20th future meetings

The Tree Board adjourned at 11:05 AM

Respectfully submitted
LuAnne Engh
Chairman

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