

**AUGUST 31, 2020 TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Beckwith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Adam Gould, Sarah Beckwith, Barb Bublitz and Robert Reynolds

Excused: Barb Steponkus and Bill Sachse

Others Present: City Administrator Ramona Flanigan and Municipal Services Director Howard Moser.

Flanigan confirmed the meeting agendas were properly posted on Friday, August 28, 2020 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library and City Hall.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A Gould/Bublitz motion to approve the February 12, 2020 Tree Board meeting minutes passed on a 4/4 roll call vote.

**2020 GRAVEL BED TREES:** There were 58 trees in the gravel beds. All trees are growing well. Howard Moser stated the staff sent out 11 letters to properties that had trees removed to inquire if they wanted a replacement tree. Moser reported that 6 responses were received. A few of those properties requested more than one tree. As of now 10 trees have been reserved for replacement trees. The property owners will be given another week to notify the city if they want a replacement tree. After all responses are received, staff will send letters to property owners in the Orchard Heights subdivision to fill in where trees are needed.

**DNR URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM:** The Board was presented with some ideas for the next DNR start up grant. The cemetery staff is currently working on an inventory of individual plots that may not be able to be sold to determine if trees can be planted there instead. The gravel bed trees would work great in those areas.

Howard Moser spoke to the Tech Ed teacher at the High School about building a solar kiln. He stated the school has also discussed this. The grant could fund the purchase of the materials to build the kiln. The school Tech Ed program would build the kiln and the City would work with the school to provide wood from trees that get taken down. Some of the grant money could be used to mill the ash wood that would be dried by the kiln. The students would then use some of the wood to build benches and other furniture for the parks.

The Board felt the first project using some of the grant funds would be to purchase the materials to build the kiln and also allocate some of the money to mill the trees. The rest of the grant funds could be used for reforestation at the cemetery and also to replenish the trees in the gravel bed.

**NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS:**

Next meeting September 23, 2020 at 5:30 pm

- Gravel beds
- DNR Grant update
- Budget

Being no other business before the Board, a Beckwith/Gould motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Ramona Flanigan/wjl  
City Administrator