

JANUARY 13, 2020 TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES CITY OF EDGERTON

Beckwith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Adam Gould, Sarah Beckwith, Barb Steponkus, Bill Sachse, David Mancheski and David Esau.

Excused: Barb Bublitz

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

Flanigan confirmed the meeting agendas were properly posted on Friday, January 10, 2020 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library and City Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A Gould/Mancheski motion to approve the September 18, 2019 Tree Board meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

2020 PROJECTS: The proposed projects for 2020 consist of the purchase of gravel bed trees; planting of street trees from the gravel beds; the annual Arbor Day Celebration; planting of additional trees in the linear arboretum; and Memorial trees. Flanigan reported the gravel bed trees did very well. The trees that were pulled from the gravel beds in the fall looked great and more analysis will be done in the spring.

Currently in the 2020 budget there is \$6,000 available for tree purchases. The Board will need to decide how much of those funds they would like to allocate to linear arboretum trees and how much to trees for street planting. The Board suggested to allocate \$4,000 to gravel bed trees to be used for street trees and \$2,000 for ball and burlap trees to be used for the Linear Arboretum.

The Board discussed in which neighborhoods they would like to plant the street trees. This decision would determine the size of trees that will need to be ordered. The Board decided Orchard Heights would be the first priority for street trees.

ARBOR DAY: Adam Gould will work with the school to get the school kids involved with Arbor Day. He will also coordinate the program for the trees for the 4th graders. Bill Sachse suggested planting a tree in Central Park to replace some of the Ash trees that were taken down in 2019. Sachse also suggested Veteran's Park would also be a great place to plant a tree at for the celebration. In subsequent years the Board could possibly choose a different park.

MEMORIAL TREES: In 2019 we had some Memorial trees purchased for \$250.00. This included the cost of the tree and a stainless-steel plaque. One of the donors thought they would receive a bronze plaque. These plaques are a higher cost. The Board suggested the donor would receive a stainless-steel plaque for the \$250, but could pay an upcharge if they wanted bronze.

DNR URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM: The City is eligible to apply for 3 grants from the DNR. One of those grants must be for a tree inventory. The first application was submitted in 2019 for the gravel bed program. The Board felt we should apply for the 2nd grant to use for a future project and save the 3rd grant request for the tree inventory. Howard Moser felt the tree inventory would not provide a great benefit for the city.

NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS:

Next meeting February 20, 2020 at 5:30 pm

- Tree order
- Arbor Day

- DNR Grant ideas

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

Ramona Flanigan/wjl
City Administrator