

FOREST BOARD MINUTES FEBRUARY 14, 2018

PRESENT: Chairperson Leah Netherland, City Forester Ryan Lewis, Nancy Shelton, Marie Eff, Dale Kinney, Mick Vissing, Rick Vissing, Sarah Hitt and Gil Zinner.

The meeting convened at 6:30 pm.

MINUTES:

Dale made a motion to accept the minutes without correction. Sarah seconded the motion. All approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Leah reported that the City Council approved the budget amendment allowing the City to hire a gardener. Joey Clements will be starting in late February. He will be working on the front entrance, the two beds in Robin Park and the Henderson Park circles around the light boxes. The traffic circle beds will continue to be maintained by volunteers. He will be paid \$40/hr. and we will be paying for liability insurance for him.

Leah also reported that the budget amendment approved moving forward with the installation of a water faucet in Henderson Park. Leah met with BC Plumbing today and the paperwork has been started.

Leah spoke with Janet Shumate, treasurer of the Garden Club, and she approved purchasing replacement trees for the failed memorial dogwoods. Nancy will find 2-3 trees for Henderson Park and Leah will purchase one tree for Oriole Park.

Leah reported that Ryan gave us a lot of information during the Dogwood Walk Through of Henderson Park but we are just unable to follow through on some of the work due to the time and labor involved. For now we will not treat the large Dogwoods since there is no guarantee of a return on the investment.

FORESTER REPORT:

Ryan reported that he has identified 14 large right of way trees that are most in need of structural pruning. He has estimated that the work for all will cost \$3,120 based on Limbwalker's cost. If homeowner's each contribute \$100 that leaves the cost to the City at \$1720 (coming out of the Forest Board budget.) Ryan's proposed letter to the homeowners was discussed and Leah suggested adding a sentence about this having been done at no cost for trees planted in recent years but that these trees are now too large for us to do and that structural pruning is an ongoing need if a tree is to remain healthy. The letter will go on Audubon Park letterhead. The list will be compiled, letters sent, response determined, bids obtained and the work completed with Leah present.

BUDGET:

Leah distributed a proposed budget for 2018-19. There was explanation and discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leah asked Nancy if she would get bids for removal of the Maple at the tip of Triangle Park on the Crossbill side. Nancy agreed to contact Sang and T's Trees and report back.

Leah reported that she would schedule bucket truck work based on Ryan's list and our 2017 Walk Through report.

Leah reported that eight trees are being ordered for spring planting.

WORK DAY:

Two workdays were held in January with work completed in Henderson and Robin Park.

So far, Leah and Marie have pruned 70 easement trees

The next workday will be held February 18 in Robin Park at 12 pm.

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD:

Gil questioned if the mayor had checked on who owns the tree on Cardinal in the golf cart right of way. Leah agreed to follow up with Dorn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

SIGNATURE OF _____ DATE _____
CHAIRPERSON