

FOREST BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2018

PRESENT: Chairperson Leah Netherland, Mayor Dorn Crawford, City Forester Ryan Lewis, Nancy Shelton, Marie Eff, Dale Kinney, Mick Vissing, Michael Blum, Sarah Hitt.

The meeting convened at 6:32 pm.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Leah reported that all trees in the parks that needed to be pruned have been completed. Ryan and Leah looked at trees with problems. Shrubs still need to be pruned.

Leah reported that all the paperwork for the water meter has been turned in. The Water Co mismarked the street putting it on the Dove Lawn side. Leah is supposed to meet with them in person to confirm before they begin installation.

It has been determined that the tree on Cardinal that is dead is on Audubon Park property but the Audubon Country Club maintains that area. A letter will be sent by Ryan to let them know about our concerns about the safety of the tree.

Leah questioned what the process needs to be as far as record keeping for documents generated by the Forest Board. It was decided that a copy of minutes and attachments needs to be sent to Laura and Michael and then a copy will be put in the cloud and in a binder.

There was discussion of issues with the young Elm tree that we planted on Eagle Pass. One is definitely dead and the other is looking bad and is too far gone to treat.

Leah reported that she has a list of hazard trees that Ryan needs to update. There is a new tree of concern at 1235 Valley.

FORESTER REPORT:

Ryan reported that he has been receiving many phone calls about tree assessment. There is a question about what the Forest Board is in charge of—right of way versus front yards. There was some discussion with the decision to discuss this next time based on Louisville Metro's new tree ordinance.

Ryan reported that there are only a handful of homeowners of problem trees that he has not contacted in person regarding pruning. So far there are about 6 trees to be pruned with a match of funds from the city.

BUDGET UPDATE:

Leah reported that of \$31,00 budget only \$10,500 has been spent, including the Maple tree removal in Triangle Park and the water meter. Water installation has not been paid for. Pruning expenses in the Parks is yet to be completed. We are currently not over budget on anything.



NEW BUSINESS:

Leah reported that the estimate for the annual park pruning was over \$11,000. Our budget was \$5,000. Leah decided to wait until we see how trees leaf out in late May and then decide the priority trees.

There was discussion about the cost of treating the large oaks in Henderson Park for bacterial leaf scorch and it was decided to wait due to the cost.

Leah passed out a list of the 10 water bags that need to be installed and asked for volunteers to do this and educate homeowners on filling the bags. She reported that there would be 7 more plus some in the parks.

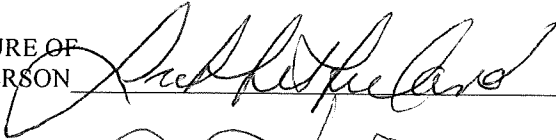
WORK DAY:

The next workday will be held April 21 in Curlew Park at 9 am in Curlew Park.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

SIGNATURE OF
CHAIRPERSON



DATE

