

FOREST BOARD MINUTES

March 13, 2019

PRESENT: Chairperson Leah Netherland, City Forester Ryan Lewis, Mayor Tony Williams, Sallie Schoen, Gil Zinner, Michael Blum, Dale Kinney, Mick Vissing, recorder Marie Eff

REVIEW OF LAST MONTHS MINUTES: Dale made a motion to accept the February minutes, Mick seconded the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: We finished our 2018-2019 pruning season for 190 right of way trees. Three trees were planted with 3 more on order.

Curlew Park has the remainder of trees requiring pruning. Also, there is a chestnut tree on the north side that probably has blight.

Ryan finished structural pruning on 10 park trees.

Thirteen of 25 eligible homeowners for our structural pruning program have sent in their checks. Ryan will work on these trees this weekend.

There are 7 trees with structural concerns in which 1 homeowner has agreed to our program and another has responded 'maybe'.

Tony states the city dumpster has been upgraded from 6 cubic feet to 8 cubic feet to contain the brush generated in the parks.

We have 500 cards that depict proper mulching. Next week Sallie will insert a mulch card in each newsletter.

The city attorney is still working on obtaining an address for Oriole Park.

We are waiting for a plumbing inspection for Curlew Park's water line.

Tony reports that our code enforcement officer will use Logic to determine which trees are in the right of way. If a homeowner applies for a permit and the tree is indeed in the easement, the permit will be issued within a week after the request.

Tony showed us the new form for an online tree permit.

FORESTER REPORT: Ryan gave an update on the hazardous/nuisance list. One home is for sale, 1 is rental, 1 sold and 2 need a permit. Tony suggested Otto could help with these homes. Ryan will edit the nuisance spreadsheet and share it with Otto who already has an explanatory letter for the homeowner.

BUDGET UPDATE: We have a new bookkeeper so an update isn't available. We have about \$20,000.00 remaining.

NEW BUSINESS: Tony said the city of Lyndon received a \$2,000.00 grant from the city of Louisville last year for tree plantings. He suggested we apply for the same grant. Board members are presently committed to other tasks. If the Louisville metro council is able to resolve their budget shortfall we will consider applying for the grant.

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Leah suggested that once our tree code is finalized we plant city trees for free rather than paying the homeowner \$250.00 for ash tree removal. This removes the burden of delivering payment.

Our Forest Board page needs updating but cannot be accessed. Michael can pull it down and put it in a Google program and update as needed. He will work with Laura Kelty to keep it current.

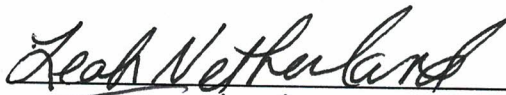
WORK DAY: Next work day is April 20 at 9 am in Wren Park.

We have 2 work groups for 20 water bag applications. It is important we communicate the proper use of water bags to homeowners. Our goal is to finish by April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Tree plantings are to be arranged.

NEXT MEETING: April 10, 2019 6:30 pm at City Hall.

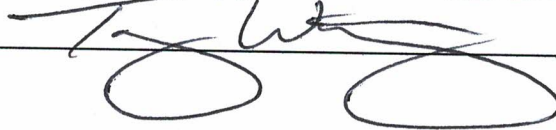
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