

Forest Board Minutes March 11, 2020

PRESENT: Chairperson Leah Netherland, Forester Ryan Lewis, Mayor Tony Williams, Sarah Hitt, Gil Zinner, Gary Robben, Mick Vissing, Dale Kinney, recorder Marie Eff

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Mick made a motion to accept the January minutes, Dale seconded the motion. Sarah made a motion to approve the February minutes, Mick seconded the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The city will pay for the meter in Crossbill Park and the Parks and Recreation Board will split the cost of plumbing with the Forest Board.

Eric Best is the new foreman for Limbwalker. His bill for ash tree treatment has been cleared by Ryan and Leah.

Tony stated that Janette will handle all invoices. She will scan the invoice and email them to Leah and Michael for their signatures.

Otto is the best person to measure for trees in the right of way.

Tony agreed that a forest board designee can speak with the homeowner before tree measurement.

Tony will ask Michael to set up an excel spreadsheet to improve communication between all persons involved in permitting.

After discussing who would receive initial notification of the tree removal permit it was agreed that Ryan did not have to be included unless a consultation was requested.

There was discussion about noncompliance with nuisance tree removal; length of time for removal, fines, liens, mandatory tree replacement and code officer enforcement. An excel spread sheet could be set up to keep track of the process with built in time alerts.

Tony stated that if a homeowner requests assistance regarding replanting a canopy tree in their front yard the Forest Board may help as budget allows.

We received the metal tree identifiers from Bernheim.

FORESTER REPORT: Ryan has completed the contract work for the larger trees and pruned all the smaller trees.

A species inventory of Audubon Park's easements will be started.

BUDGET UPDATE: \$12,909.21 has been spent this fiscal year. The bookkeeper will specifically list forest board expenses.

NEW BUSINESS: Leah has a new sheet explaining water bag use which will be given to the homeowner.

WORK DAY: Next work days are March 28, April 3, and April 4. There will be a digging team and a planting team for 11 trees.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday April 8, 2020 6:30pm at City Hall.

SIGNATURE OF CHAIRPERSON:

Michael B.

DATE:

3/11/2020

SIGNATURE OF MAYOR:

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Janet Macey

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