

FOREST BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 8, 2017

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

The meeting convened at 6:30 pm.

MINUTES: Sarah made a motion to accept the minutes without correction. Rick seconded the motion. All approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Leah reported that there is one tree left to plant. Sarah will help with that planting.

Leah asked Dorn for an update on hazard trees on Robin (a Sweetgum and an Oak.) Dorn reported that he is working on letters.

Ryan reported that he has made no progress on assessing the need for pruning on large easement trees because he has been working on assessing the health of Dogwoods in the parks. Leah asked if Ryan could walk through the parks this coming Friday at 1 pm with her and anyone else interested in order to determine what needs to be done to the struggling dogwoods.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nancy passed around and reviewed the Annual Walk Through of Parks (see attached report.) She stated that the good news is that the list for the arborist and the need for removals gets shorter each year due to the ongoing maintenance work the Forest Board does.

FORESTER REPORT:

Ryan reported that he examined the Oaks in Henderson and believes that they are suffering from Bacterial Leaf Scorch. Definitive analysis requires testing that is difficult and is more often diagnosed by symptoms. It is a bacterial disease that affects the vascular system. Late season drought causes it to begin and it is progressive. Effective treatment is controversial and is required annually. He recommends a wait and see approach at this time.

BUDGET:

Leah reported no budget update received from the bookkeeper.

WORK DAY:

There has been no delivery of mulch. The need for pruning in the parks was discussed and it was decided to meet at 9 am in Henderson to do this on November 18, unless mulch arrives for Oriole.

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD:

Leah said that it is ok to prune when leaves are shed. She plans to wait to get bids on needed pruning in the parks.

Marie reported that our tour of Cave Hill is confirmed for May 23.

Leah reported that no one is signed up for Spring planting.

There is no December meeting. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

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CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE _____