

FOREST BOARD MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

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

The meeting convened at 6:30 pm.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Leah reported that we received a quote of \$1250 from Louisville Water Co to install a meter in Henderson Park. BC Plumbing gave a price of \$2415 for running a line, a faucet and back flow valve. The total cost of \$3665 does not include the ongoing minimal monthly charge for water, even if none is used. After discussion, it was decided that Leah will get more plumbing bids and we will reassess in the Spring as we get closer to the end of the fiscal year.

FORESTER REPORT:

Ryan reported on his investigation of the dead or dying dogwoods and the dead maple. He stated that the approach to mitigating problems will be individual to each tree (he has a list) but recommended triaging the dogwoods into three groups: 1) trees that are doing well with little input except mulch; 2) trees that are failing and may be lost anyway; and, 3) trees that are in fair shape and could go either way and that would benefit from intervention.

BUDGET:

Leah reported no update from the bookkeeper.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leah reported that Fall tree plantings will include 7 Ash replacement trees and one additional tree that was never planted last year, plus 4 easement plantings. Leah requested volunteers to help with planting trees and Marie, Dale and Michael responded. Ryan would like to observe planting. The Clark Co order will go in tomorrow and a volunteer will be needed, in addition to Jason in the City truck, to pick up the trees. Nancy or Darrell Shelton will try to be available.

Leah reported that someone will be needed to complete the Tree City USA application in light of Anne's resignation from the Forest Board. After discussion it was decided to let the Tree City USA designation lapse as no one expressed it being a priority.

A discussion was held about when to do the walk through of the parks and it was decided that it would be done on October 14 at 9 am, starting in Oriole.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

A workday will be held in order to spread the mulch in Oriole Park once it is delivered.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

SIGNATURE OF
CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE _____