



Tree Board

~ Meeting Minutes ~



Wednesday, March 21, 2018 • 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilmember Pam Fernald; Sean Clark, Public Works Maintenance Supervisor; Kathleen Brave, Citizen Representative;

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF COORDINATOR: Mike Fitzpatrick, Parks Operations Manager

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes dated February 27, 2017 were approved as written.

Old Business:

- Tree Board Annual Report to City Council - Mike Fitzpatrick attended a City Council meeting last spring and gave an update on the items the Tree Board has been working on. Mike also distributed a copy of a memo dated January 18, 2018 that served as a written update to the City Council for the Tree Board. Councilmember Fernald asked about item number three on the memo that shows the cost per capita for tree related expenses. She inquired as to how the amount was determined. Mike explained the way it was determined using the Tree City USA website. Councilmember Fernald also asked about item number four on the memo regarding the creation of a public tree care ordinance. She asked if any updates are necessary since the ordinance's creation in 2009. Mike will distribute the ordinance for their review.
- Tree City USA award materials should arrive by the end of this month for 2017.

New Business

- Arbor Day Event ~ The Arbor Day event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25th at 10:00 a.m. Western Red Cedars will be planted at Angle Lake Park. Mike has reached out to the Radisson Hotel to see if they would like to participate in the event.
- Mike gave an update on the root rot problem in fir trees at Angle Lake Park. He explained that an inventory and risk assessment are being done of remaining trees. He showed the software that is being used in order to review the current tree inventory. Mike also explained that he would like future budget dollars allocated for future park sites to expand the inventory.
- Sean Clark spoke of the removal of trees on S. 136th St. as they are interfering with safe use of the sidewalk and has caused it to buckle. The work will be done in phases and he will be looking at areas where trees can be planted adjacent to the sidewalk.
- Pam would like to see more advertising of the Arbor Day/Earth Week events. She would like Mike to follow up with an update on Earth Week events to highlight the tree planting event and explain the new software being used for the tree inventory and risk assessment.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.