

City of Pierre
Arbor Committee Minutes
Tuesday, May 1, 2018

The May 2018 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at the City Hall commission meeting room. Ron Schreiner called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. Those in attendance were Board Members: Ron Schreiner, Chuck Humphrey, Will Hanson, and Ton Dorschner; Ex-Officio Members: Vona Johnson, Tom Farnsworth and Todd Kelly. Excused were Mark Smith, Art Smith and Rachel Ormseth.

Motion by Dorschner, second by Humphrey to approve the minutes of the March 27 meeting. Carried.

The agenda for this meeting was approved as presented with the addition of left over bird seed and school tree giveaway program.

Old Business:

Landscape Ordinance - review amendment as drafted by Riter:

The board had no revisions to the amendment as drafted by Lindsey Riter-Rapp, City attorney. Farnsworth was directed to take the ordinance amendment to City Commission. Commissioner Johnson was pleased with the discussion and how edits were made.

Tree planting guide brochure:

Tony stated he and Art Smith met on April 9th and continued work on the brochure. Art is going to send out a tree list for everyone to look over. Tony is working on descriptions of conifer trees and other details. The committee will continue work as they can.

Community Orchard project:

Deseree did not make the meeting but Farnsworth gave the board some slides of her power point presentation she will make to the City Commission tonight. The board agreed she has done a good job. Over \$12,000 has been raised so far. The planting is on schedule for May 5th at 9AM. Kelly reported the site is ready, trees were moved, a total of about 27 were transplanted into the parks.

Spring Educational Seminar:

Dr. John Ball has confirmed he will be in Pierre Thursday, May 3 at 7PM at the SDSU Extension building on Missouri St. for a seminar on Tree Care. Public is invited. Special thanks to the Master Gardner group who helps with providing snacks for the meeting. The City will put out a press release today about the seminar and the Arbor Day tree planting event.

April Arboretum work day – Cub Scouts:

Humphrey reported there were 8 cub scouts and 5 adults who showed up to take off tree protectors at the City Arboretum. They did a good job.

New Business:

Arbor Day Program:

Farnsworth showed the board the agenda for the May 5th Arbor Day program. Schreiner will be absent so Humphrey will take his place as the MC. Mayor Harding is planning to attend. Rachel will be on hand to present the Tree City USA award as well. All is a go. Ron and Deseree will speak to the City Commission tonight about the event.

Arbor Day Proclamation:

Mayor Harding has the proclamation and will present to Ron at tonight's Commission meeting.

Arboretum Shed Go Green project:

Volunteers from American State Bank led by Kim Easland will stain the Arboretum shed as a community Go Green and Clean project. City provides the stain and brushes.

Arboretum Shelter Go Green project:

Farnsworth told the board that David Page indicated the Boy Scouts would take on a Go Green project by staining the shelter and benches. No date has been given. Farnsworth will contact Page for an update. City provides the stain and brushes.

Bird Seed:

Schreiner told the board that David Kruger said they have several bags of bird seed left over at the Arboretum shed and it is for sale at \$10/bag. Contact David if you would like to buy a bag.

Izzac Walton Foundation Tree Giveaway program:

Will told the board about how the second grade tree giveaway program went. About 175 freeman maple trees and 125 Sioux land poplar seedless were handed out to elementary 2nd grade students. Rachel helped and the kids were very appreciative. The Ikes foundation has been a long time sponsor.

Discussion:

Schreiner informed the board about the Ft. Pierre community garden he is working on, they hope to have it ready for planting this spring.

Meeting adjourned by Ron at 12:50pm.

Submitted by: Tom Farnsworth

Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, June 26, City Hall conference room