

**City of Pierre
Arbor Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

The January 2019 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at the City Hall Prairie meeting room. Tom Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. Those in attendance were Board Members: Adam Kulesa, Tony Dorschner, Art Smith, Mark Smith and Rollie Isaacson; Ex-Officio Members: Vona Johnson, Todd Kelly, Rachel Ormseth, and Tom Farnsworth. Excused was Will Hanson. Also attending the meeting was Deseree Corrales.

New Board member Adam Kulesa was introduced and the rest of the attendees did a brief introduction of themselves to Adam. Adam replaces Ron Schreiner whose term was up at the end of last year.

Farnsworth stated the board needs new officers as Schreiner and Humphrey were term limited. Art stated he would consider the chair if someone else would record minutes. Farnsworth offered to take minutes for this meeting. Motion was made by Rachel, second by Adam for Art to serve as President of the board. Being no other nominations came forward, the vote was unanimous for Art Smith for President. Smith was congratulated and the meeting was turned over to Smith.

Smith thanked everyone and asked for nominations for Vice-President. Rollie stated he would consider the position. Motion by Mark, second by Tony for Rollie to serve as Vice-President of the board. Being no other nominations came forward, the vote was unanimous for Rollie Isaacson to serve as Vice-President of the board.

Motion by Rollie, second by Adam to approve of the December 11, 2018 minutes as presented. Carried.

Motion by Rollie, second by Mark to accept the meeting agenda with one correction to spelling of Kulesa. Carried.

Old Business:

Tree planting guide brochure, updates:

The group continues its work; Art has almost finished his section of the tree descriptions. Tony is working on his area of the brochure. The committee intends to meet again in the next two weeks. Rachel and Rollie have volunteered to review the first draft when it is ready. The project is supported by a grant and has a June 1 completion deadline.

DE tree removal progress, update:

Seasonal work on removal of Dutch Elm affected trees is getting there. Kelly reported two trees remain to take out and gave their locations. These trees are in City boulevards thus City is responsible for removal.

Community Orchard updates:

Deseree informed the board on how the Community Foundation grant will be used for a shed and shelter inside the fence at the orchard. Dakota Builders has volunteered to build the shed. They will have final plans in a month but thinking the size would be 10ftx15ft. Farnsworth will assist Deseree with information regarding any permits for this structure and review City ordinance requirements concerning structures in the flood plain. Deseree said the shelter and shed would have a concrete base/floor. They hope to construct this spring. Farnsworth reminded the board the budget included funds for a flagpole at the orchard so the City could fly the Tree City USA flags in the future. Goal would be to install by spring. Deseree than excused herself from the meeting.

Bird feeding reminders:

Mark has January, Will has Feb but Mark is willing to help Will out as he may not be getting around real good.

EAB Blow in document and report on SDARA conference:

Art has a draft of this and will send to Rollie for review, a summary of the SDARA conference in Sioux Falls was given and specifically updates on EAB work by Sioux Falls parks dept. Rollie said even if the EAB bug does not arrive in Pierre for a few years it is a good time to start planning on what ash trees to remove, etc. It is the intent of the new document to be reviewed by the board and then if approved it will go to City Commission with a request to disseminate to City residents. The utility bill insert method could be used.

Tree City USA Recertification update:

Tom reported the documents were filed with the Dept. of Ag. Rachel stated the City has been approved and it will be the 35 year of being a Tree City USA.

New Business:

Wedding Arbor:

Art did not make it down to look at it. Todd reported they do maintenance around the area. Tom said wedding requests to use the area are coming in for 2019.

2019 Annual Plan of Work:

The board was asked to review the 2018 Plan of Work handout, make suggestions, send to Tom or Art and a draft will be brought back to the Feb. meeting for board consideration. This document is a guide for board activities during the year.

Arbor Day Tree Planting Site and Activities:

The board discussed ideas, potential sites, and were asked to report in Feb. so a site and date could be locked in early which helps Rachel with her work schedule.

Jefferson Elementary 3rd graders tree program:

Art reported he has been asked to speak on trees to this group. The date is Jan. 31, the teacher is Amber Stout and he plans to talk about how a tree is planted.

Discussion/Dialogue:

Meeting adjourned by Art at 1:00pm.

Submitted by: Tom Farnsworth, Director

Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, February 26th City Hall Prairie room