

City of Pierre
Arbor Board Minutes
Tuesday, February 26, 2019

The February 2019 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at the City Hall Prairie meeting room. Board Chair Art Smith called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Art Smith; Board Members Adam Kulesa, Will Hanson and Mark Smith; and Ex-Officio Member Tom Farnsworth.

Motion by Adam, second by Mark to approve the January 22, 2019 minutes as presented. Carried. Motion by Adam, second by Will to accept the meeting agenda with the addition of "Jefferson 3rd Grade presentation" to old business. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tree planting guide brochure update. Art and Tony continue their work. Because of the grant involved in production of the brochure, there is a June 1 deadline. Art has talked to Jeff Pochop about the printing of the brochure.
2. Dutch Elm tree removal status. Todd Kelly was not at the meeting, so there was no report. As of January, 2019, there were still 2 trees to remove in city boulevards that are the city's responsibility to remove.
3. Community Orchard updates. Although Deseree Corrales was not at the meeting, Tom reported that work is being done to design the shed and shelter at the Community Orchard site. It sounds like these will now be two separate structures. Tom is working to make sure that the construction meets all ordinances, especially those involving the flood plain, and that all permits are being obtained.
4. EAB blow-in document. Art is continuing preparation of a blow-in document, and a possible article for the newspaper. Tom suggested working with Brooke Bohnenkamp, the city public information officer, on both the product and dissemination of the product. Tom will send out another draft of the document so that any comments or suggestions can be made by Board members.
5. Arbor Day site and date for planting. Tom reminded the group that Arbor Day is Friday, April 26th. It was determined that the Arbor Day planting would be Mayor Harding's tree in the Mayors' Grove in Hipple Park, and that the program will be on Wednesday, April 24th. Will Hanson and Rachel Ormseth will again give 2nd grade presentations and distribution of trees, which will take place on April 25th and 26th. Will and Art will work on determine an appropriate tree to distribute to the 2nd graders.
6. Jefferson 3rd Grade Presentation. Art gave a tree presentation to all 3rd graders at Jefferson school on January 31st. This presentation was coordinated with Amber Stout, one of the 3rd grade teachers at Jefferson school. Art reported that the presentations went well.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bird Feeder signs. Missouri Breaks Audubon requested that the Arbor Board comment on the proposed signs for the **bird feeding areas at the Arboretum and at Farm Island**. Pictures of the proposed signs were sent out to the Board members, who unanimously agreed on the signs with the blue print. Tom informed Dave Kruger from Missouri Breaks Audubon of the results of the survey.
2. City Hall property tree plantings. The Arbor Board will work with the Parks Superintendent to create a master plan for tree plantings on and around the city hall property. The goal is to have a plan put together for review by the Board for the July meeting, aiming for fall planting. The planning and planting will be added to the Board's 2019 work plan.
3. Review of draft annual plan of work. After including the work on the city hall property tree plantings to the proposed 2019 work plan, the work plan will be sent out to all Arbor Board members for review. When the 2019 proposed plan is sent out, the members can vote by email to adopt the plan or offer any changes. The plan will be looked at again for review at future meetings as necessary.
4. Annual Education Program. Tom will work with Ruth Beck at the Extension Office to get Dr. John Ball for an educational presentation, aiming for the 3rd week of April.
5. Bird Feeding. Will Hanson volunteered to feed the birds at the Arboretum during the month of March.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Art Smith at 1:06 pm.

Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, March 26th, City Hall Prairie Room

Respectfully Submitted:

Mark Smith, Arbor Board Secretary