

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

The March 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 12:05 p.m. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Art Smith; Board Members Adam Kulesa, Will Hanson, Rollie Issacson, Tony Dorschner and Mark Smith. Also present were Ex-Officio Members: Parks and Recreation Director Tom Farnsworth; and Commissioner Vona Johnson.

Motion by Adam, second by Rollie to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019, meeting as presented. Carried. The meeting agenda was approved with the addition of "Park Superintendent Update" to new business.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. *Tree planting guide brochure update.* Art and Tony continue their work. The information for the brochure has been gathered. They are going to meet with Jeff Pochop (printer) soon to work on the layout. Art will get the tree descriptions he has prepared to Rollie for review before the brochure is finalized.
2. *EAB blow-in document.* Art is working with Brooke Bohnenkamp, the city public information officer, on a final draft. Tom has had the information reviewed by Marcus Warnke at the Forestry Division. Art will incorporate his suggestions, as warranted, and then get a final product to Brooke. Art is also working with the newspaper on a possible 3-part series on EAB in Pierre. The hope is to get the timing right so this information coincides with the April educational seminar.
3. *Community Orchard updates.* Although Deseree Corrales was not at the meeting, Tom reported that the shed and shelter design work is being done. The early plans meet all flood plain ordinances, and all city permits are being obtained.
4. *Annual Education Program.* Tom worked with Ruth Beck at the Extension office to get Dr. John Ball for the program. The program will be on Monday, April 22, 2019, starting at 7:00 pm, at the Regional Extension Center at 410 West Missouri. In addition to Dr. Ball presenting on EAB prevention, symptoms and management for the homeowner, Chairman Smith will give a presentation on Pierre's management plan for EAB. The Prairie Potters Master Gardener group will assist by providing treats at the program.

5. 2019 Plan of Work. The plan of work, with the addition this year of the Board's involvement with the City Hall tree (landscaping) project, was approved. The plan will be looked at again for review at future meetings as necessary.

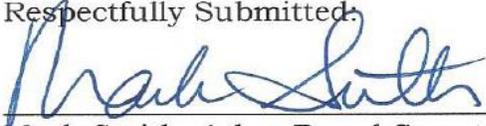
NEW BUSINESS:

1. *City Hall property tree plantings.* A discussion of this project was held, including the expectations of the Board representative, who will be working with the Park Superintendent on the planning of the project. Will and Adam are going to think about taking on this project. A final decision on the Board representative will be made at the April meeting. The goal is to have a master plan put together for review by the Board for the July meeting, aiming for fall planting. The planning and planting has been added to the Board's 2019 work plan.
2. *Arbor Day Events.* On April 16th Chairman Smith will appear before the City Commission to discuss all of the Arbor Day events. At that meeting a proclamation of support will be read. On April 22nd Dr. Ball and Chairman Smith will give the annual educational seminar. The regular April Board meeting will be held on April 23rd. On April 24th the annual Arbor Day tree planting will take place at 3:00 pm. The Arbor Day planting will be Mayor Harding's tree in the Mayors' Grove in Hipple Park. On April 25th and 26th Will Hanson and Rachel Ormseth will give 2nd grade presentations and distribution of trees (Ohio Buckeye).
3. *Park Superintendent Update.* Todd Kelly is retiring as Park Superintendent on March 29th, after 38 years with the City of Pierre. Tom reported that the search for a replacement has started. The City hopes to someone hired as soon as possible.
4. *Todd Kelly Commemoration.* To honor Todd's long-time work with the City, and particularly Todd's unwavering support of the Arboretum, a motion was made by Adam, seconded by Rollie, to honor Todd with the planting of a tree near the park bench that the Parks Board is erecting to honor Todd. The motion carried.
5. *Arboretum Work Day.* Tom will check with the Boy Scouts to see whether either of the first two Saturdays in May will fit their schedule. Specific will be determined at the April Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Art Smith at 1:00 pm.

Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, April 23rd , City Hall Prairie Room

Respectfully Submitted:



Mark Smith, Arbor Board Secretary