

City of Pierre
Arbor Board Minutes
Tuesday March 28th, 2023

The March 2023 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at City Hall Training room. Acting interim Board Chair Adam Kulesa called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Those in attendance were: Board Members Adam Kulesa, Cole Irwin, John Henderson, and Rollie Isaacson. Also present were Ex-Officio members: City Commissioner Johnson, Park Superintendent Jay Jensen; Parks Department Crew Leader, Kaden Hight; and Parks & Recreation Director, Bryan Tipton.

The minutes from the February 2023 meeting were moved to be approved as submitted by Rollie Isaacson, 2nd by Cole Irwin, voted on and passed. The agenda was moved to be approved as submitted by Rollie Isaacson, 2nd by Cole Irwin, voted on and passed.

John Henderson was introduced as the newest member to the board.

Old Business:

1. Bird Feeding- Interim chair Kulesa updated the board of a continued partnership to have bird seed donated. Bird feeding has come to an end for this season and will be brought back up in late fall.
2. EAB Response Plan- Interim chair Kulesa provided a summary of where the response plan is at. Director Tipton has the recommendations from the board and will be working on updating changes and working with the city commission as necessary prior to bringing a draft version back to the board for their concurrence.
3. Tree trimming ordinance- Interim chair Kulesa provided a summary of previous discussions on the city's tree trimming ordinance. Currently the city handles the ordinance by complaint only. City leadership is aware of the general concern that enforcement of the ordinance is currently only being completed upon a complaint filed with the city. City leadership and the city commission intend to discuss the ordinance and recommend any proposed changes to the Arbor Board for their review and concurrence.
4. Election of offices- Interim chair Kulesa volunteered to serve as the Board's new chairman. Board member Isaacson will remain as Vice Chair, and election of a board secretary was tabled until next meeting as member Martin was not in attendance.

There were no formal actions taken on the 4 old business items.

New Business:

1. Arbor Day event planning- Director Tipton provided an update that community forester Joshua Larson of Rapid City will provide an educational component to 2nd grade classes on Thursday April 27th, and Director Tipton and chairman Kulesa will handle educational components to 2nd grade classes on Friday April 28th. 260 Rocky Mountain Juniper trees have been ordered through East Pierre Garden Center and will arrive the week of Arbor Day. A board volunteer day to help bag and box up the small trees will be addressed via email as the date draws closer. East

Pierre Garden Center has agreed to provide mulch and bags for the trees and the Isaac Walton League has agreed to donate funds to cover the cost of the trees.

2. State Champion Russian Olive- Director Tipton provided an update that the official state champion Russian Olive tree was award to a large Russian Olive at Hillsview Golf Course in Pierre.

No formal action was taken on new business items.

Dialogue:

Go Green Campaign- Director Tipton provided an update on the Go Green Campaign and volunteer groups are being organized to make our city beautiful through their cleanup efforts. Group leaders can contact the city of Pierre for garbage bags and instructions for cleanup efforts The board is encouraged to continue helping spreading the word to community organizations. Director Tipton mentioned a local cub scout group is looking for a volunteer project and he will be working with them on the community orchard/dog park area.

DANR community forestry grant- Director Tipton is coordinating final plans for the completion of tree planting for the community forestry grant. Trees are expected to be delivered in early May and city staff will coordinate planting of the trees and grant compliance.

There being no further business or dialogue the meeting was adjourned by chairman Kulesa at 12:35 PM

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 25th at 12:00PM in City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Kulesa
Board Chairman