

City of Pierre
Arbor Board Minutes
Tuesday, April 26, 2022

The April 2022 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at the City Hall Training room. Board Chair Art Smith called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Art Smith; and Board Members Adam Kulesa, Rollie Isaacson, Tony Dorschner and Mark Smith. Also present were Ex-Officio Members: Commissioner Todd Johnson; Parks and Recreation Director Bryan Tipton; and Parks Superintendent Tanya Lieberman.

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022, meeting as presented. The Board voted to approve the proposed meeting agenda as printed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. *Tree Planting April 29 – Mayor’s Grove.* Work is being done to get ready for the Discovery Center tree planting at the Mayor’s Grove. The proclamation from the city is ready. The city is getting the site ready for the planting. The planting will take place on Friday, April 29th at 3:00 pm. All Board members are encouraged to attend.
2. *McDonald’s Trees Update.* The City, through Sharon Pruess, City Planner, is working with McDonald’s to make sure they get into compliance with the city landscape ordinance. The plan is that McDonald’s will plant four trees between their parking lot and China Buffet, which will get them in compliance.
3. *2022 Arbor Day trees to 2nd Graders.* The trees (catalpa) are in. They will be individually bagged on Wednesday. Tipton has prepared a fact sheet, which includes information on such things on how and where to plant trees. That document is being printed, and will be distributed with the trees to the 2nd graders. The programs in the schools will be on Friday, April 29th. John Hartland, the state’s Staff Forester, will be involved with the 2nd grade programs this year.
4. *Arboretum Flower Patches (pollinator/butterfly gardens).* Tayna reported that she is working on finding appropriate flower seed mixtures to plant at the pollinator/butterfly gardens at the Arboretum. Chair Smith gave her a few suggestions of places to contact.
5. *2022 Arbor Activity – Tree City USA.* This subject was already discussed with regard to the tree planting at the Discovery Center and the 2nd grader tree distribution program.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. *2022 Draft Plan of Work Discussion, Including EAB Response Plan Review.* Chair Smith reminded the group that the Plan of Work has always been used as a guide to Board activities. The Plan of Work is modified to accommodate new issues that arise during the year.

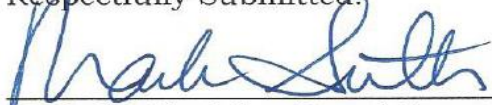
During a brief discussion of the EAB Response Plan, the issue of certification of applicators was raised. It was decided that it would work better if a sub-committee reviewed any suggested updating of the EAB Response Plan, including whether certification of applicators needs to be addressed at this time. The sub-committee will include Mark Smith, Adam Kulesa and Tanya Lieberman. After they have had a chance to meet and review possible updates to the Response Plan, including Staff Forester John Hartland's written suggestions, they will report back to the Board.

7. *Dialogue - Election.* Chair Smith again indicated that while he wants to continue to serve on the Board, he would like to relinquish his position as Chair. A decision on this will be made at the May meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Art Smith at 1:00 pm.

Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, May 24th, City Hall Training Room

Respectfully Submitted:



Mark Smith, Arbor Board Secretary