

City of Pierre
Arbor Board Minutes
Tuesday July 25th, 2023

The July 2023 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at City Hall Training room. Board Chair Adam Kulesa called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Those in attendance were: Board Members Adam Kulesa, Cole Irwin, and Amanda Martin. Also present were Ex-Officio members: Park Superintendent Jay Jensen, Crew leader Nick Schultz, DANR staff forester Jacob Dyer, and Parks & Recreation Director, Bryan Tipton.

The minutes from the June 2023 meeting were moved to be approved as submitted by Cole Irwin, 2nd by Amanda Martin, voted on and passed. The agenda was moved to be approved as submitted with the addition of a new business line item of recruiting new Arbor Board members by Amanda Martin, 2nd by Cole Irwin, voted on and passed.

Staff report: Park Superintendent Jensen provided a brief report including an update on routine maintenance tree pruning removing hazard branches throughout the park system as staff time allows. Continued evaluation and marking of Dutch Elm trees will occur through the summer for a list of removals this winter.

Old Business:

1. EAB- Director Tipton to work with city commission on finalizing a revision to the current EAB response plan for board review.

2. Tree trimming ordinance- Continue to seek city commission guidance on how the tree trimming ordinance will be enforced and if there are any recommended changes to the existing ordinance. Chairman Kulesa voiced concern that if nothing is done, trees will continue to get more out of compliance which could lead to safety issues or public complaints.

There were no formal actions taken on the 2 old business items.

New Business:

1. Meeting Time Adjustment- Board members discussed alternative solutions of meeting times to make accessibility easier for members and city commissioner Johnson. Tuesday evenings were ruled out due to scheduled city commission meetings Tuesday evening. Director Tipton to coordinate with commissioner Johnson on a good meeting time recommendation that can be adopted in the August meeting.

2. New DANR staff forester Jacob Dyer- New staff forester Jacob Dyer was introduced and invited to attend Arbor Board meetings into the future. Jacob brings a wealth of knowledge about trees and can be a great asset to the Arbor Board.

3. Recruiting new members- Mayor Harding was able to explain the process of recruiting and appointing board members to the Arbor Board. Mayor Harding explained that all boards are

very important across the city and an approach of balancing age, experience, and other attributes go into consideration when appointing new board members. There is an application with the City to apply to be a member of the Arbor Board and current board members are encouraged to help solicit quality applicants for Mayor Harding to consider.

There being no further business or dialogue the meeting was adjourned by chairman Kulesa at 12:40 PM

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday August 22nd at 12:00PM in City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Kulesa
Board Chairman