

City of Pierre
Arbor Board Minutes
Tuesday, August 27, 2019

The August 2019 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at the shelter at the Arboretum. Board Chair Art Smith called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Art Smith; Board Members Adam Kulesa and Mark Smith. Also present were Ex-Officio Members: Parks and Recreation Director Tom Farnsworth; Park Superintendent Tom Moore; Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator Rachel Ormseth; and Commissioner Vona Johnson. Also attending was Pierre Police Officer Drew Heaton, who serves as the Community Resource Officer. Deseree Corrales was also present at the beginning of the meeting to give an update about the Community Orchard.

There has not been a meeting since the May meeting. The May minutes still need to be approved. A copy of the proposed minutes are attached, and will be considered at the September Board meeting. Motion by Adam, second by Mark, to approve the meeting agenda. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. *Community Orchard update.* Deseree Corrales reported on the progress on the shed and shelter at the Community Orchard site. The construction is moving ahead slowly. The hope is that once the construction gets going in earnest, the work will get done in a couple of weeks. Deseree was also asked whether the October open house could be at the Community Orchard again, and said that would be no problem.
2. *City Hall property tree plantings.* No further action has taken place on the plan design. Tom Moore will get together with Adam Kulesa, and Will and Betty Hanson before the September meeting, with the goal of having a plan in place by that meeting. Art Smith reminded the planning committee that Steve Bontje from East Pierre Landscaping will be available to help with the plan design. The goal is still to aim for a fall planting.
3. *Arboretum Maintenance Update.* Tom Moore updated the Board on regular and special maintenance activities at the Arboretum. The area is regularly mowed, and trimming of dead branches has taken place. The wildflower area at the front of the Arboretum has been tilled. A combination of seeding and plugs will be used to get grass in the area. In addition, a Butterfly garden area and a Hummingbird garden area will be included in this part of the Arboretum.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Arboretum Open House.* The open house traditionally takes place in late September or early October. It was agreed that it would be good to have the open house back at the Community Orchard again this year. Tom Farnsworth will contact Deseree Corrales to see if Thursday, October 10th works. If not, he will check on whether Tuesday, October 15th works. The plan would be to have the open house start at 5:30 pm. Tom Farnsworth will talk to the PR person with the city to get some publicity about the event arranged. He will also talk to the staff at the city library to see whether they want to again be part of the program. .
2. *Arboretum Walk-about.* The remainder of the meeting, the group toured around the Arboretum. The purpose was to see whether any maintenance is required, and to see if there are new trees or shrubs plantings that should be considered.
3. *Informational Updates.* Rachel Ormseth indicated that another urban forestry grant would be opening soon.

Following the Arboretum Walk-about, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Art Smith.

Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, September 24th, City Hall Prairie Room

Respectfully Submitted:



Mark Smith, Arbor Board Secretary