

City of Pierre
Arbor Board Minutes
Tuesday, September 24, 2019

The September 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 12:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Art Smith; and Board Members Will Hanson, Rollie Isaacson, Tony Dorschner and Mark Smith. Also present were Ex-Officio Members: Parks and Recreation Director Tom Farnsworth; Park Superintendent Tom Moore; and Commissioner Vona Johnson.

Motion by Rollie, second by Tony to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019, and August 27, 2019, meetings as presented. Motion carried. The meeting agenda was approved as printed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. *City Hall property tree plantings.* Tom Moore would like to get trees planted as soon as possible, but a plan needs to be developed. The city has several trees available that could be moved into the area. It was decided to put a plan design together with the assistance of Steve Bontje from East Pierre Landscaping. Once the plan is developed, trees can still be moved this fall, and other plantings can take place next spring.
2. *Arboretum Maintenance Update.* Tom Moore reported that his staff spends a lot of time grooming trails, trimming trees, etc., at the Arboretum. The wildflower area at the front of the Arboretum has been tilled and treated with weed killer two times. Despite that, a good crop of grass has grown in the area. The plan is still to add butterfly, pollinator and hummingbird habitat in that area.
3. *Arboretum Open House.* The open house will take place on October 15, 2019, and will be hosted at the Community Orchard. The open house will start at 5:30 pm. Tom Farnsworth will coordinate some publicity, including having Chair Art Smith make an public invitation at the Commission meeting the week before the event. All Board members are encouraged to attend the open house.

NEW BUSINESS:


1. *Arboretum Fall Work Day.* Tom Farnsworth will continue to attempt to make contact with the Cub Scouts to determine whether they again want to help with putting out the tree protectors. We are looking at getting this done on Saturday, October 12th.
2. *City Landscape Ordinance Draft Revisions.* Kristi Honeywell, City Administrator, attended the meeting to make a presentation on proposed revisions to the city Landscape Ordinance. After a discussion on those proposed revisions, Will

Hanson made a motion, seconded by Rollie Isaacson, to support the ordinance changes as presented. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, Chair Art Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:02 pm.

Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, October 22nd, City Hall Prairie Room

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Smith, Arbor Board Secretary