

**FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – February 16, 2016**

In attendance:

Mitch Becker	Carolyn Godfread	Doug Wiles	Greg Smith
Brett Gurholt	Christy Ames-Davis	Amy Sakariassen	Stan Churchill
Erik Dietrich	Nicole Schwehr	Brian Beattie	Mike Miller
Jason Tomanek			

Absent: Jeff Heintz, Nancy Guy, Doug Prchal

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Brett Gurholt.

Approval of the Minutes from the December 15, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Forestry Advisory Board (FAB):

Brett called for approval of minutes from the December 15, 2015, meeting of the FAB. Stan Churchill moved to approve the minutes. Brian Beattie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Erik Dietrich Committee Assignment:

Erik Dietrich decided to join the Vision & Planning Committee.

Tree Planting/Nursery:

Doug presented information on tree removals & tree plantings over the last 6 years. We discussed the lack of a Reforestation Program in the City of Bismarck.

Doug explained what a Gravel Bed is, what the benefits are, and how it could impact the City. Brett entertained a motion for Doug to move forward in pursuing locations for the gravel bed. Doug is going to meet with the Parks and Recreation District to discuss their interest in partnering on a Community Gravel Bed. Caroline motioned and Amy seconded. All were in favor & the motion carried.

Declining Participation of Partners in Planting:

Doug presented information about the decline in participation in the Partners In Planting Program. Stan mentioned sending out solicitation letters for sponsorship of the program in November instead of January to avoid coinciding with the tax season.

Amy mentioned a grant for homeowners in historic districts to plant trees on the right of way. Christy suggested mailing postcards with information on Partners In Planting to homeowners in targeted areas. It was also suggested possibly advertising on KFYP.

Mike Miller asked if it would be feasible to incorporate in the landscaping ordinance a requirement for owners of newly constructed homes to plant on the boulevard. Jason Tomanek clarified the landscaping ordinance. It was decided that the city forester should further investigate the requirement of having owners of newly constructed homes plant street trees.

Expiring terms of Stan and Doug P at the end of March:

Stan is willing to serve another term. Doug W will contact Doug P to determine if he is willing to serve another term. Brian motioned to accept continuing terms for Stan & Doug P. Erik seconded the motion. All were in favor & the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

None

Other Agenda Items:

The committee discussed Chancellor Square and the opportunity for beautification projects.

Outreach Committee & Brett to meet after meeting to discuss Arbor Day:

Reminder to meet after the FAB Meeting to discuss 2016 Arbor Day planning.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m.