

FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES – April 19, 2016

In attendance:

Jeff Heintz	Doug Wiles	Christy Ames-Davis	Amy Sakariassen
Doug Prchal	Tony Schmitt		

Absent:

Erik Dietrich	Mitch Becker	Carolyn Godfread	Brett Gurholt
Stan Churchill	Nicole Schwehr	Brian Beattie	Nancy Guy

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Doug Wiles. There were not enough board members to hold a meeting so Doug Prchal motioned to close the meeting. Amy Sakariassen seconded the motion.

Approval of the minutes from the February 16, 2016 regular meeting of the FAB:

Only two out of ten voting board members were in attendance so approval of the February minutes was tabled until the next FAB meeting.

Partners In Planting:

Christy and Doug W discussed changing the reimbursement amount on Tier 2 trees from \$20.00 to \$40.00.

Christy presented the new Forestry pamphlet she re-designed. The Columnar Birch tree was the only addition to the approved boulevard tree list. Christy stated that the Plains Commerce Bank is an addition for Partners In Planting & will be added to the pamphlet.

There was discussion of different ideas to increase tree planting & supplement funds for the Partners In Planting program. Jeff suggested targeting older sections of town where they have lost big trees and starting a neighborhood planting somewhat like partners in planting where it could offset other funds.

Continued discussion of this would be tabled when there are more members present.

Forestry is sending a mailer to Bismarck residence in NE Area along with their water bill to promote the Partners In Planting program. Christy stated there are 402 Lots in NE Bismarck that do not have trees planted.

Arbor Day Update:

Christy reported planning is coming along nicely for Arbor Day. It is on Friday May 6, 2016 at 1:30 PM at New Generations Park. She is looking for volunteers for Thursday May 5, 2016 to package Hackberry trees for Arbor Day.

Requested Removals:

Doug W discussed requiring homeowners to replace trees on the boulevard who have been permitted to remove boulevard trees for construction purposes.

NDSF Grant – Parks & Rec:

The NDFS grant application is due the end of April. Doug is calling it The River Corridor Planting Project. The project will consist of approximately 285 trees planted between Eagles Park and Sibley Park. The grant is for \$10,000.00. They will be using gravel bed and buying bare root trees.

Arboretum Plans:

Doug W and Nancy Guy met with the Rotary Club at the Rotary Arboretum. They will be re-visiting what their vision is for the arboretum. Tony Schmitt stated the Parks Department will be replacing the steps at the arboretum hopefully by October 2016. Jeff suggested making the steps handicap accessible & Tony stated they are looking into that.

Bob Morgan Donation:

Christy stated forestry had received a donation from Bob Morgan's family for \$700 that they wanted to be used for children. Christy suggested purchasing Project Learning Tree Books.

Committee Reports:

No Reports

Other Agenda Items:

There were no other items for discussion and the meeting was adjourned.