

FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES – May 17, 2016

In attendance:

Nancy Guy	Erik Dietrich	Carolyn Godfread	Brian Beattie
Stan Churchill	Doug Prchal	Doug Wiles	Christy Ames-Davis
Greg Smith			

Absent:

Mitch Becker	Brett Gurholt	Nicole Schwehr	Jeff Heintz
Amy Sakariassen			

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Nancy Guy.

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

Nancy called for approval of minutes from the February 16, 2016 meeting of the FAB. Brian Beattie moved to approve the minutes. Doug Prchal seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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. Doug W stated they will be removing the Black Locust tree from the approved tree list and will be re-evaluating the list for next year. Commerce Bank is an addition to sponsors for Partners In Planting & will be added to the pamphlet.

There was discussion on ways to increase public awareness of Partners In Planting. Christy will be sending PIP mailers targeting the Sunrise School area. There are 402 properties in the NE area of Bismarck that do not have street trees. Doug P suggested having The Association of Realtors disburse PIP postcards to new homeowners. Nancy suggested doing a press release for PIP and/or having PIP posted on the City's facebook page. Brian Beattie suggested advertising on the radio.

Doug W stated forestry has a surplus of \$44,000.00 for PIP. The board discussed creative ways to utilize the funds. Stan suggested giving out 20 to 30 certificates for free trees on Arbor Day for those who apply for planting permits. Forestry could promote this a month prior to Arbor Day. Carolyn suggested having a drawing in the Fall for trees for those who apply for planting permits during the summer to encourage Fall planting.

Arbor Day Update:

Christy reported there was a good turnout for Arbor Day. There was an increase in attendance as there were more invitations sent this year and more Appleseed awards given out. The Board discussed ideas for next year's Arbor Day. Doug suggested incorporating more schools for Arbor Day. He also suggested having those receiving awards to check in before the Arbor Day program begins or RSVP.

Requested Removals:

Doug W stated there is a city ordinance 13-2-08 that requires home owners have to replace tree(s) if removed for sidewalk and/ or driveway expansion (space permitting).

Arboretum Plans:

Nancy stated the Bismarck Rotary Arboretum will be having a Riverboat Fundraiser in June. Funds raised through this event will be a \$10,000 match grant approved through the Northern Plains Heritage Foundation. Nancy will be meeting with Ken Sheely from the Rotary Club and will be inviting him to attend the next FAB meeting.

Committee Reports:

No Reports

Other Agenda Items:

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 at \$22.00 per book to give to 27 schools. Doug P moved to approve purchasing the books. Carolyn seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The board talked about extending the election of officers to June 21, 2016.

Doug gave an update on what the forestry department was working on. Forestry is removing chokecherry trees with black knot disease. They are working on stump grinding. Christy is working on permits for planting.

There were no further items for discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.