

FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES –September 20, 2016

In attendance:

Nancy Guy	Stan Churchill	Mitch Becker	Brian Beattie
Brett Gurholt	Carolyn Godfread	Jeff Heintz	Doug Wiles
Christy Ames- Davis	Dave Mayer		

Absent:

Nicole Schwehr	Eric Dietrich	Amy Sakariassen	Doug Prchal
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The meeting was called to order at 12:19 p.m. by Stan Churchill.

Approval of the minutes from the July 19, 2016 regular meeting of the FAB:

Stan Churchill called for approval of minutes from the July 19, 2016 meeting of the FAB. Carolyn Godfread moved to approve the minutes. Nancy Guy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Stan introduced Ken Schiele and Clark Johnson from the Arboretum Committee.

Forestry Update:

Doug W reported Forestry is almost caught up on removing stumps. They are also keeping up with Dutch Elm disease and hazardous trees. Forestry's goal was to hold off on pruning until this fall and to work on other issues. They will re-evaluate this process next year. Doug stated he is working on 2017 contract for pruning & stump removal budgeting.

DED Update:

Christy provided handouts with graphs illustrating DED updates. There were 77 trees this year that were positive for DED. The Siberian Elm trees with DED that were 50% dead or greater were removed.

Partners In Planting Update:

Christy stated this year the PIP rebates went to 80 home owners. There were 163 trees planted through PIP . There were 245 permits issued last year and 271 permits issued this year. The Japanese Lilac tree was the most popular tree planted through the PIP program. Christy sent out PIP post cards to 374 residential properties in NE Bismarck and received only 7 planting permit requests in return. Jeff suggested doing a spring mail out next year.

Bob Morgan Memorial:

Christy reported she mailed the Learning Tree books to 28 elementary and private elementary schools.

Parks Grants:

Doug W updated current grants that Parks and Rec have.

East Sibley and Sertoma:

Doug reported on the two volunteer projects at East Sibley Park and Sertoma Park. The ND Forest Service did an invasive species reduction project at East Sibley Park. Bobcat held a Volunteer Day where they did a thinning project at Sertoma Park.

Arboretum Update:

Ken Schiele and Clark Johnson gave a report on the potential Prairie Restoration Project.

Committee Reports:

No Reports

Other Agenda Items:

No Reports

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