

The Tree Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Steve Bogenschneider.

Members present: Bogenschneider, Kingman, Drewry, Biedermann, Magnussen and Neu.

Members Absent: Rydstrom

Motion by Magnussen, second by Neu, to approve September 19, 2019 minutes.

All voting Aye. Motion Carried.

Public Appearances:

- Larry Michael requesting City Parks begin a Native Natural Habitat program that would promote the selection of natural species to promote better conditions for native birds and insects.

DPW Supervisors Report:

- 2020 Plantings late in coming together.
- Stump removals being performed currently.
- Arbor Day plans are being assembled as in the past with WDNR, School District, and others, with April 24<sup>th</sup> being the scheduled date

Ash Tree Update:

- Kingman indicated that the scheduled progression of removals for the year was accomplished in 2019.
- There will be benefit in updating the mapping and resources that inventory the tree bank.
- A listing is needed for 2020 and the advancing EAB appears to be affecting more trees this last season.

2020 Budget:

- Kingman indicated that budget was approved in September 2019, with results of less outlay for tree removal services in the amount of \$12,000.
- Budget was reduced from that first requested and future requests will likely need to consider increase for EAB conditions.

2020 Tree Order:

- Kingman indicated McKay and Willow Nurseries had submitted supply proposals.
- Willow Nurseries is lower in cost.
- Bare root tree options sought were not available due to request later in season, alternate potted and B&B options were proposed.
- 30 Trees could be purchased within Budget.
- Locations identified and proposed for planting.
- Timing and quality of product, and recommended DPW also seek proposals with additional species and from additional suppliers.

Letter from Resident:

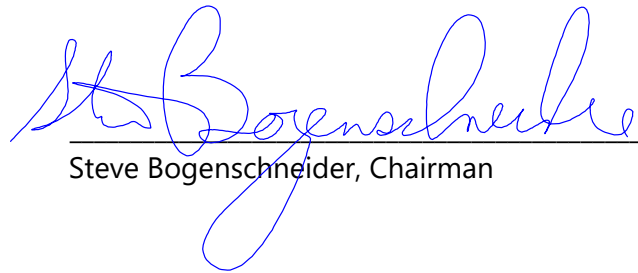
- Highlighted some adverse effects on native fauna and insects when certain species of plantings were being used.
- Consider Native Trees alternatives to be selected to best attract wildlife that would enhance and compliment Park appearances.
- Resources of native tree types suitable for use.
- Interest in pursuing Native species and could start looking at these alternatives this year.

Non-Action Discussion:

- City tree order; Board indicated to proceed and solicit updated costs from additional suppliers, and, to amend listing of trees to include native species (Service Berry, Honey Locust, Beech and Maples). Kingman indicated the results of this would be presented for final selection and may require special meeting.
- Update of Ash listing; Kingman indicated that the listing of tree bank needed to be updated and he would be investigating how best to complete that.
- Arbor Day activities are being planned for April 24<sup>th</sup>, and, the ceremonial planting anticipated at Gray street location.

Set next Meeting Date for April 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at DPW Meeting room.

Motion by Drewry, second by Neu to adjourn Meeting.  
All voting Aye. Meeting adjourn at 8:00 p.m.



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Steve Bogenschneider, Chairman

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