

MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
Tree Board
2/20/2020 09:30 AM
Public Works Conference Room

A Tree Board was held in the Public Works Conference Room and called to order by Dale Ahrens at 9:35 AM on 2/20/2020.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

- ✓ LuAne Engh, Chairman (conference call)
- ✓ Aaron Christiansen, Vice-Chairman
- ✓ Walter Widdis, Secretary
- ✓ Dale Ahrens
- ✓ Richard Herr
- ✓ Matt Wheeler
- ✓ Kurt Markegard
- ✓ Phyllis Bromgard

OTHERS PRESENT:

- ✓ NONE

1. Public Input
 - a. None
2. General Items
 - a. January 2019 minutes approved
 - b. Arbor Day – May 5, 2020 @ South Pond – 11:30 AM approximately
 - c. Grants and Donors
 1. DNRC - Completed by Kurt awaiting confirmation.
 2. Dale confirmed participation by the SOW Ministry trailer
 3. Meadow Gold dairy confirmed for ice cream by Pastor Widdis
 3. WalMart – Dale will complete by next meeting
 4. NWE – need of the tax ID for the city, Dale will complete
 - d. T-shirt designs - Cherry-Red shirt was previously approved.
 1. Awaiting numbers to order
 - e. Vendor Update
 1. Approximately 12 presenters expected
 3. Dale will follow up with Wal-Mart for volunteer participation
 - f. Tree donations
 1. Lions to be donating funds for 2-3 trees, dependent upon funds
 2. These trees in honor of specific members
 - g. Donation letter – Aaron will be completing in the next week.
 - h. Students
 1. Number of students remains at about 182
 2. Potential for older students to be used as volunteers

3. New Business
 - a. Downtown Tree District
 1. Matt will be coordinating with Nick A. & LAURA for tree trimming on Main street.
 - b. Recommendation for trees for Thomson Park replanting
 1. Submitted by Aaron.
 2. Under consideration by Matt for action.
 - c. Discussion concerning current complaint of trees restricting snow removal.
 - d. Phyllis informed the board that the grant for the Dock at Lion's park approved and that project will be going forward.
4. Old Business
 - a. Karen Courtney & code enforcement – report delayed until April
5. Other Items
 - a. Porta-potty's are scheduled for Arbor Day.
 - b. Aaron will recruit volunteers for dog dodo clean up preparations
 - c. Pastor Widdis will follow up with plaques for this year's trees.
6. Announcements
 - a. Next meeting – March 19 @ 9:30 AM