

Minutes  
City of Laurel  
Tree Board  
8/03/23

Council Conference Room

Attending: Matt Wheeler, Michelle Mize, Paul Kober, Walt Widdis Guest Bridget Coleman

1. Public Input
2. General Items
  - a. June Minutes approved
  - b. Arbor Day funds: City \$776 Laurel Foundation: \$925
  - c. Arbor Day 2024: Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Arbor Day park – discussion of shade for the new playground in Kiwanis Park or continue using Thomson Park. We should decide at the next meeting.
  - e. Artist for the design – LuAnne will talk to the New Life school to see if they would like to offer a design and theme for 2024.
  - f. State of our Arbor Day trees-
    - South Pond –
      - a. The Willow is gone and the plaque should be removed
      - b. The Baptist school Amur Maple needs some trimming and more bark
      - c. Hackberry is totally gone and should be removed – too wetSeveral trees need slight trimming.
    - Thompson Park -
      - a. One Honey Locust east of the shelter is struggling – might need fertilizer
      - b. Still have two trees that are tilted –
    - g. MUCFA – should Laurel join? \$100/year for the city. What are the benefits? There is a monthly newsletter that explains available grants.
3. Old Business
  - a. The LURA committee has started meeting again.
  - b. The city is committed to the Splash Pad. Delay due to the early rains that caused the contractor to move on to another job. Should be done in August.
4. Other Items
  - a. Volunteer hours – Keep your hours for all meetings, time spent on Arbor Day or any other project.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 7th, 4:30 Council Conference room