

Minutes  
City of Laurel  
Tree Board  
3/20/23

Council Conference Room

Attending: Michelle Mize, Walt Widdis, Aaron Christensen, Paul Kober, Phyllis Bromgard  
Phone: LuAnne Engh

1. Public Input
  - a.
2. General Items
  - a. February minutes approved –
  - b. Matt presented forms from Brittney that everyone filled out.
  - c. City balance \$1792 for Arbor Day. School Balance \$65.  
It appears the DNRC grant for \$750 wasn't applied for this year as the city has committed to the splash pad and didn't feel they could mark \$12,000 for trees which is required for the grant.
  - d. Arbor Day – May 2nd - **Heroes for Life** by Finley Watts. Thomson Park
  - e. Shirts through Dynamic were quoted at \$10.90 each with \$3 extra for XXI. Stacy Laver helped redraw the design on software Dynamic can read. We'll get the number of shirts and donors in to Don by April 10. We order at least 25 shirts.
  - f. Laurel Community Foundation – We are all set up and LuAnne applied for the Walmart grant through them. Lions and Rotary have donated through LCF.
  - g. Aaron will meet with Matt on 4/20 to mark out the tree locations and finalize the trees – we expect to plant 5 @ \$550. With the chance that the tennis courts are going to be removed and the legion is putting in a new batting cage, we may need to work on a more clear master plan for future trees.
  - h. We have the tree list from Good Earth Works to consider as well as Rivers Edge, however with delivery and planting, the prices are the same.
  - i. Honor Guard and the Laurel Fireman are committed.
  - j. Lunch – SOW – sloppy joes – PTA is donating \$100 for the hamburger
  - k. Speaker – Lynn can't this year. LuAnne has contacted both the mayor & superintendent. No answer yet.
  - l. Presenters – So far we have 7 committed. Trying to connect with the city of Billings Solid Waste Division and Yellowstone River since Audubon isn't coming.
3. Old Business

- a. The LURA committee has started meeting again. There is also the downtown committee that wants to improve the downtown storefronts. We should look at the larger DNRC Urban Forestry grant to help improve trees.
  - b. The city is committed to the Splash Pad. \$150K is raised, ground is ready.
4. Other Items
- a. Volunteer hours – Keep your hours for all meetings, time spent on Arbor Day or any other project.

Next meeting Thursday, April 20th - 9:30 Council Conference room