

Minutes  
City of Laurel  
Tree Board  
4/14/22 9:30 AM

Council Conference Room

Attending: LuAnne Engh (phone), Paul Kober, Michelle Hammer Mize), Aaron Christensen, Matt Wheeler, Lynne Peterson, Kurt Markegard

1. Public Input
  - a. Our friend and board member, Dale Ahrens, has passed away. We will miss his enthusiasm and talents. We give kind thoughts and prayers to his wife, Nancy, and his two kids.
  
2. General Items
  - a. April minutes approved –
  - b. City balance \$528 + \$750 from DNRC grant + \$1,000 Lions + \$500 CHS + \$250 Rotary + School Balance \$483... Matt said the Employees Union will donate \$100.
  - c. We are still searching for the donations from Yellowstone and Western Security – a new treasurer, Kelly Stricker is researching. LuAnne also contacted Jared Kaiser and Brian Thompson to see if the checks were cashed.
  - d. Arbor Day – Grow with the Flow – Tuesday, May 3 – 145 students – 6 classes + 30 (Baptist, School of Light, Homeschool) - 9 sections.
  - e. Grants – We didn't get any grants outside the DNRC
  - f. Food: - SOW ministry is going to serve a sloppy joe lunch out of the gazebo. Edie Armstrong is taking charge or purchasing and organizing the crew. She and LuAnne will go to the school to work with Julie Jones, school clerk.  
Walt – Is checking with Meadow gold about a donation of ice cream
  - g. Trees – As of yet no trees have been purchased. Aaron later reported the Fisher tree has buds so we'll wait on that until it has leaves. A cottonwood for the playground shade and replacing the 3 Hackberries that were flooded will be the focus. River Ridge will donate ½ the cost – so city would pay \$250 for the cotton wood and \$150/tree for the Hackberries – total of \$700. The Sienna Maple will be in stock if we need it for \$450.
  - h. Presenters: LuAnne has contacted the following: We need another section so we'll ask the students to walk the pond.

Yellowstone County - Megan Hoyer  
FWP – Shannon Blackburn  
Bright n Beautiful – Joanie Tooley  
Audubon – Anthony Samaratano  
DNRC – Lydia Hesel maybe Jeff Hermanns  
USDA- Gary Adams (Hannah Lewis & Jeremy Newland)  
Bees –Sheri & Nick Kisch

- i. Schedule/[program – The Lions President Kenny Seymour, Larry Garrison and Mike Tobin as well as Lynne will be our speakers. Mayor might attend but won't speak. Lions would like a ribbon cutting so they can share that with Lions International. We'll have a stage brought in to keep things on level ground.
- j. Busses: drop off at 11:45 return by 3:00 Schedule with grid is attached.
- k. LuAnne ordered 24 shirts. One for our artist, the board members, teachers and presenters.
- l. Walt sent in an article to the Outlook which they donated for one week, the second week is \$100
- m. Matt will take care of bathrooms, garbage, planting, stage and any safety precautions.
- n. Lynne said the kids will bring reusable water bottles.
- o. LuAnne Contacted the Veterans and Fire department.

#### Old Business

- a. Downtown trees – We have 13 locations that should be replaced.
- b. We'll continue to research a solution to the downtown trees.

#### 3. Other Items

- a. Volunteer hours – Keep your hours for all meetings, time spent on Arbor Day or any other project. We received the higher DNRC grant due to the high number of hours we submitted. Dale was the best at tracking hours.
- b. Next meeting – Bring any receipts or donations so we can close out the event.

Next meeting Thursday, May, 19<sup>th</sup> - 9:30

LuAnne Engh, Chairman

Trees Grow with the Flow  
**ARBOR DAY – MAY 3, 2022**  
 South Pond

10:30 Presenters and City Staff set up  
 11:45 – 12:00 Students arrive and find their spaces for lunch  
 12:00 – Lunch –Students sit in the grass  
 12:20 - Arbor Day Ceremony – Ribbon Cutting for the new dock  
 12:45 – 2:50 Presenters Each 20 minutes sessions  
 2:50 – Return to school  
 Anyone that can stay will finish planting

***Presenters***

- *Bees – Sheri & Nic Kisch*
- *Bright n Beautiful*
- *USDA*
- *Yellowstone Weed*
- *Montana Audubon*
- *Fish Wildlife Parks*
- *DNRC*

Laurel Fire Department – provide truck and horn

<b><i>Presenters</i></b>	<b>12:45</b>	<b>1:10</b>	<b>1:35</b>	<b>2:00</b>	<b>2:25</b>	<b>2:50</b>			
Bees	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Bright n B	2	3	4	5	6	7			
USDA - pests	3	4	5	6	7	8			
Weeds	4	5	6	7	8	1			
Audubon	5	6	7	8	1	2			
FWP-fish	6	7	8	1	2	3			
DNRC	7	8	1	2	3	4			
Pond Walk	8	1	2	3	4	5			

1-6 Laurel 4<sup>th</sup> Graders    7- Baptist Church    7 -Homeschoolers    8-New Life School

1-Meier   2- Deming   3-Painter   4-Broyles   5-Kanta   6-Irwin