

Minutes
City of Laurel
Tree Board
2/18/21 9:30 AM

Council Conference Room

Attending by Zoom: LuAnne Engh, Aaron Christensen

Attending: Matt Wheeler, Richard Herr, Walter Widdis, Dale Ahrens, Phyllis Bromgard

1. Public Input
 - a. No public attending

2. General Items
 - a. Jan. minutes approved - \$700 with the school \$2300 city
 - b. Laurel Arbor Day May 4, 2021 Thomson Park – PM schedule
 - c. “Stay Wild” Design from Graff students New artist is Brislyn Maharrey – age 9 – Walt will work up the graphic for printing.
 - d. All designs will be put in a booklet as a living record of our young artists at the Graff Library to share with visitors. LuAnne will supply the book. Dale suggested we pay for Lifetouch to do a collage of the best designs, as well. Dale will bring the completed design to Dynamic Design – we’ll work on donors for the shirts and banner.
 - e. We will only provide t-shirts for volunteers as the teachers really don’t need them. About 15 total. Better ways to spend out money.
 - f. Dale will check with HS Principal, Shawdra Zahara about putting the donors on the marquee during Arbor Day
 - g. Grants
 - a. DNRC grant \$750 received –
 - b. Walmart – new format with “Front Door” – Dale plans to ask for \$1,000 but we need to clarify which school’s EIN is used.

- c. NEW - \$600 – We'll use the city EIN – Bethany will send Dale the IRS letter to submit with the application. Lisa Perry is always very supportive.
 - h. Aaron is getting 4 Ash trees for Thompson \$600 x 4 and we'll have the city plant the Spring Crab for Veteran Park – it has been replaced several times. With other funds we could replace trees at South Pond with the city planting them.
 - i. LuAnne has contacted the vendors to see which ones will be able to help us this year. Only a few have replied YES. We would need a few more.
 - j. Lunch – bag lunch is fine with Lynn
- 3. New Business
 - a. Nick wasn't available today to discuss grants for replacing downtown trees. Next month he will report.
 - b. The tree board should recommend tree varieties that fit the space and do well without much water – as we don't want those trees to remain vacant.
- 4. Old Business
 - a. Tree Trimming – Thomson Park – Steve Larned offered \$250/tree –
- 5. Other Items
 - a. 8th Ave trees – Cenex needs help/advice on tree selection.
 - b. Volunteer hours - Please keep your hours.
 - c. South Park is on track for Spring construction of the dock/walkways
 - d. Riverside Park – monitor new trees after winter to see what should be replaced.
- 6. Announcements
 - a. Next meeting – March 18th– 9:30 At the Council Conference Room

LuAnne Engh, Chairman