

MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
Tree Board

03/21/2019 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 09:30 AM on 03/21/2019.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LuAnne Engh, Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Herr
<input type="checkbox"/> Aaron Christiansen, Vice-Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt Wheeler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Widdis, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kurt Markegard
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Ahrens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phyllis Bromgard

OTHERS PRESENT:

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1. Public Input

- a. Update on Boulevard Trees - Council is hoping to get volunteers to work on this issue so that some type of ordinance can be adopted - Needs a directive on the % of vegetation, rock and that all trees require irrigation
- b. New Planner - Dick Altonganga has been hired and adding direction to this issue and LURA

2. General Items

- a. February 2019 minutes approved

- b. Arbor Day Theme and Design TREES HELP EVERYONE May 7th 11:00 South Pond
Theme design by Colton Watts - 3rd graders - he'll receive a \$50 gift card to Walmart
 - c. Grants - DNRC Mini-Grant (Dale) he turned this over to Lynne Peterson
 - d. Northwest Energy Grant (Dale) \$500 sent in two weeks ago
 - e. Walmart Grant - Done
 - f. DNRC - annual \$750 - received by City Clerk
 - g. Donations to date- Aaron has collected several Kings Ace Hardware - supplies, Rocky Mt Compost - Free Compost, Bobcat of Billings - Free use of a bobcat, plus the trees have been ordered by River's Edge and Good Earth works - 4 donated and 2 purchased with funds from Larned Tree Service, Be R Tree Specialist, Waste Connection - So the cost of trees is all covered and the new donors are sending their graphics to Dynamic
 - h. Dynamic Design - Banner and t-shirts - Aaron has working with Shannel on the design, color and graphics - LuAnne is working on the number of shirts
 - i. Schedule - LuAnne has forwarded 2018 Schedule to Lynne - Waltter is working on the site map
 - j. Ceremony & program - Matt will probably be in charge - needs to get the ad in the paper and print programs - arrange platform and speaker with microphone
Contact the American Legion
3. New Business
- a. Aaron said local arborists will donate their time for trimming on Arbor Day. Fran needs help trimming the row on Railroad Street at South Park and Nutting Park - no update
 - b. Downtown tree district - LURA grant - no report
 - c. .
4. Old Business
- a. Lions - Phyllis reported the group has blueprints for the dock and pathway -they are still waiting for Lions International for funds (that will need to be matched) She is also waiting for the cost on the pathway. Phyllis wants to plant the samplings she has - Fran will direct that project
5. Other Items
- a. Nutting Park - should money be spent on the trees from the annual tree fund
 - b. Elena Park - How did the trees survive the winter - need replacements

- c. Riverside Park Progress with DOJ funds - the vault toilet is being installed now
Richard asked what is being done about the camp ground - No direction has come from the Mayor and CAO.

6. Announcements

- a. Next meeting April 18 - 9:30
- b. Final meeting May 2 - 9:30 if necessary
- c. May meeting - 16th @9:30

The Tree Board adjourned at 09:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnne Engh
Committee Chairman

NOTE: This meeting is open to the public. This meeting is for information and discussion of listed agenda items.