

MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
Tree Board

11/21/2019 09:30 AM
Public Works Conference Room

A Tree Board was held in the Public Works Conference Room and called to order by LuAnne Engh at 09:30 AM on 09/12/2019.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

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1. Public Input
 - a. None
2. General Items
 - a. Oct 2019 minutes approved
 - b. Dale Ahrens - he hasn't reapplied for his board position
 - c. Arbor Day will be May 5, 2020.

- d. Currently we have a balance of \$1500 in our account with the city and \$250 in the school account. We should buy two canopies or one good one with the money. LuAnne did purchase one last year.
- e. Artwork and Theme. Since the LHS students didn't respond to the challenge, we asked the New Life School and have 10 samples to consider.
- f. Aaron & Fran to decide on trees for next year and their placement
- g. Aaron will contact the other greenhouses for tree donations. Aaron will design a donation letter for 2020
- h. LuAnne will contact the vendors by the next meeting,

3. New Business

- a. Downtown tree district - LURA grant - We will leave this on the agenda but not sure what should happen next.
- b. Thomson Park Blvd. - 13 dead Elm trees are going to be removed by Patrick Riedl for \$3900. Aaron suggested only 7 trees to replace the dead ones with Honey Locust or Linden.
- c. Dead and broken trees are a problem. Karen sends letters to those that need to take care of their boulevard trees. It was suggested to add the names of the properly licensed tree companies but the city says they won't do that as it shows an endorsement.

4. Old Business

- a. Replacing 5 dead ash trees at South Pond - with Hackberry, elm, maple or linden and one juniper.
- b. Lions -Phyllis has gathered many pledges for the dock/paving project so that the Lions International will match funds. CHS has promised 20K for the next two years. The money from the state is 62K.

5. Other Items

- a. Code enforcement - Karen Courtney - The codes for Boulevards is being rewritten.
- b. All members should keep track of their hours. Volunteer hours equal \$23 and that is used to show money spent on trees to qualify for Tree USA. Hours are collected at the end of the year.

6. Announcements

- a. Next meeting Dec. 19th @9:30

The Tree Board adjourned at 10:00 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.