

Minutes  
City of Laurel  
Tree Board  
11/17/2022

Council Conference Room

Attending: LuAnne Engh, Matt Wheeler, Paul Kober

1. Public Input
  - a.
2. General Items
  - a. October minutes approved –
  - b. City balance \$843 for Arbor Day. School Balance \$220 Jon Rutt will meet with LuAnne to set up a page on the Laurel Foundation website to raise money this year.
  - c. Arbor Day Date – We finalized Tuesday, May 2 as Arbor Day. The theme is **Heroes for Life** by Finley Watts. We'll use Thomson Park since the trees are aging out fast and we need to resupply the canopy.
  - d. LuAnne will check with Dynamic Design about the banner and t-shirts. Walt has already done the graphic work. Hot yellow or bright green for colors.
  - e. Aaron and LuAnne met at the park to review where trees should be planted and what type. We have the start of a map for future trees. Aaron is suggesting we plant between the existing Ash trees south of the old tennis courts (3 new Ash) and two locations (2 elm or ash) near the tables next to the walk. Trees are old but still provide shade so they shouldn't be removed until the young trees are established.
  - f. The DNRC grant is due in December and the volunteer hours are important. Matt and Kurt will apply for that grant.
  - g. Plaques – We won't put plaques anywhere in Thomson.
3. Old Business
  - a. The Laurel Foundation has acquired the Meadowlark Gallery building. They are interested in improving the building and renting out apartments and retail space. They would also like to start a downtown improvement for sidewalks and trees. This might involve using TIFF money.
  - b. There is a group raising fund for a splash pad. We need to be aware of how our tree placement affects their plans.
4. Other Items

- a. Volunteer hours – Please turn in your hours to Matt or Kurt. Paul and LuAnne gave their hours.

Next meeting Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 - Council Conference room