

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF LAUREL**  
**Tree Board**  
1/16/2020 09:30 AM  
**Public Works Conference Room**

A Tree Board was held in the Public Works Conference Room and called to order by Walter Widdis at 9:30 AM on 1/16/2020.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- LuAne Engh, Chairman (absent)
- ✓ Aaron Christiansen, Vice-Chairman
- ✓ Walter Widdis, Secretary
- ✓ Dale Ahrens
- ✓ Richard Herr
- ✓ Matt Wheeler
- ✓ Kurt Markegard
- ✓ Phyllis Bromgard

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

- ✓ Lynn Petersen, Principal of Graff Elementary

1. **Public Input**

- a. None

2. **General Items**

- a. December 2019 minutes approved
- b. Arbor Day – May 5, 2020 @ South Pond – 11:30 AM approximately
- c. DNRC Grants
  - 1. Completed by Kurt and turned in Tuesday.
  - 2. Response expected in the February time frame
- d. T-shirt designs
  - 1. Proofs were distributed to the present members
  - 2. The Cherry-Red shirt was chosen.
- e. Vendor Update
  - 1. No new additions.
  - 2. Meadow Gold dairies will provide the ice cream
  - 3. Dale will follow up with Wal-Mart for volunteer participation
- f. Tree donations – no news at present. Aaron will be tracking this.
- g. Donation letter
  - 1. Basic content will remain the same as the past for consistency
  - 2. Aaron will be sending this out in February for trees
- h. Students
  - 1. Number of students remains at about 182
  - 2. Potential for older students to be used as volunteers

3. New Business
  - a. Downtown Tree District
    1. Information from the city planner available in March
  - b. Recommendation for trees for Thomson Park replanting
    1. Submitted by Aaron to the tree board members
    2. Received by Matt for action.
  - c. Richard informed the board of upcoming action concerning Riverside Park and tree removal for the new camping site plan.
  - d. Discussion concerning the use of the NWE grant for tree replacement on the boulevard - agreement on the propriety of this action.
4. Old Business
  - a. Karen Courtney & code enforcement – report delayed until April
5. Other Items
  - a. Lion's Park improvement update – Phyllis stated that it is progressing
  - b. New forms for keeping track of hours for 2020 were distributed
  - c. Dale stated he would have an update on the NWE & Wal-Mart grants at next month's meeting.
  - d. To consider.
    1. Sending invitation letters to the presenters
    2. Setting some scheduled dead lines for actionable items
  - e. Phyllis is going to ask Lion's for a donation for a memorial tree for Carl Schelp. Aaron suggested a Heritage Oak
6. Announcements
  - a. Next Meeting February 20 – 9:30 AM