

MINUTES  
CITY OF LAUREL  
Tree Board

12/19/2019 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 12/19/2019.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LuAnne Engh, Chairman             | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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. Nov. 2019 minutes approved
  - b. Dale Ahrens - he hasn't reapplied for his board position
  - c. Arbor Day will be May 5, 2020 @ South Pond
  - d. Proclamation has been done and Kurt is working on the DNRC grant of \$750 due next month.

- e. We need to find out how many students will come. Baptist - 12 Home school - 12 New Life Laurel - 142
- f. Currently we have a balance of \$1500 in our account with the city and \$250 in the school account.
- g. Artwork and Theme. Eli Hill and Whit from the New Life School have been selected as the artists for the theme " Trees are the Treasure" with the state of Montana shape and pine trees filling in the center. Walt Widdis adapted the original artwork for graphic printing. LuAnne took the graphic to Dynamic Designs to start working on the colors
- h. Aaron & Fran have yet to meet about the tree list.
- i. Aaron has contacted some of the greenhouses for tree donations. Letter will go out in January-February
- j. Vendors that have responded: Bright n Beautiful, MNLA, Audubon, NOAA, LHS FFA, Sherry Kisch, USDA, DNRC. Those to follow up: Riverstone, Yellowstone Weeds, FWP, NEW, Aaron suggested calling the Billings Landfill (Vester Wilson)

### 3. New Business

- a. Downtown tree district - LURA grant - Aaron is going to meet with Nick Altonaga, the city planner to followup on the grant
- b. Thomson Park Blvd. - We are getting recommendations for trees that would thrive in Alkaline, wet ground. We will work on a getting a list 12 varieties of proper trees and where they should be planted so that planting can happen in April.
- c. Richard Herr has samplings that he will contribute to Arbor plantings.

### 4. Old Business

- a. Replacing 5 dead ash trees at South Pond - with Hackberry, elm, maple or linden and one juniper. This could be planted before Arbor Day with the help of students.
- b. Lions Dock - all the paperwork is set to the Lions International. No work will begin until there is a firm answer from them for matching funds. The DOJ is waiting. Phyllis states the earliest will be the end of March.

### 5. Other Items

- a. Code enforcement - Karen Courtney - The codes for Boulevards is being rewritten.
- b. All members should keep track of their hours and turn them in by the end of the year. Kurt will circulate the forms. This is important for the Tree USA distinction

6. Announcements

- a. Next meeting Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30am... Walt will lead the meetings this winter.

The Tree Board adjourned at 10:12 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.**