

MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
Tree Board

06/06/2019 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 06/06/2019.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LuAnne Engh, Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Herr
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aaron Christiansen, Vice-Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt Wheeler
<input 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. Meagan Hoyer and supervisor, Joe Lockwood Yellowstone County Weed District attended and explained their grant program to spray noxious weeds
- b. Meagan distributed a noxious weed field guide, a grant application (\$1,000) and the cost share program. (\$500)
- c.

2. General Items

- a. May 2019 minutes approved

- b. Lynn Peterson had her teachers write letters and Thanks You cards to Walmart and the Tree Board. LuAnne read a few good ones. Dale delivered the Walmart cards and LuAnne mailed out the other ones to our presenters. The kids did a fantastic job of explaining what they learned from the experience.
- c. Yellowstone Weed District offers two programs: 1) is a cost share program (\$500) to reimburse the city for herbicides they buy. Milestone is \$82/gallon and covers 4 acres. We have noxious weeds around South Pond and this product is safe near water. The deadline for the funds is June 30th. Megan can do the spraying for \$80/hour. Kurt and Matt will look into this.
- d. The second grant is due at the end of the year. This for larger amounts. You can only spray areas with serious noxious weeds. We may not qualify for this until more weeds are evident.
- e. Any weed eradication requires 2-3 years of consistent application.
- f. The two weeds at South Pond are Scotch Thistle and Spotted Knapweed
- g. Megan and Joe are available for more help with the applications or we can contact Jasmine Reimer, State Weed Coordinator 406-444-3140

3. New Business

- a. Downtown tree district - LURA grant - Aaron submitted the information to Kurt to in January but nothing has happened.
- b. Mike Ruggles from FWP still wants to dredge the pond so that more fish will grow and the pond will be healthier - this could be done for free if the gravel companies still need gravel for the interstate project. Kurt said he has equipment that could do the project
- c. James Prchal mentioned that a Fall work day (volunteer arborists) might be a better time to get work done on the trees at South Pond. Good time to plant, trim and get trees ready for winter.

4. Old Business

- a. Lions - the dock should be a go. The pathway is still waiting for their National association to match funds they have collected.

5. Other Items

- a. Nutting Park and Thompson are getting trees trimmed and stumps removed by Patric Riedl.
- b. Elena Park - need replacements after winter kill
- c. South Pond - trees need trimming and fertilizing

- d. Riverside Park Progress with DOJ funds - the vault toilet is installed on the river bank to be above the flood plain. It was opened for Memorial Weekend.
- e. 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. No Summer Meetings - Next meeting Sept. 12th @9:30

The Tree Board adjourned at 10:15 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.