

MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
Tree Board

09/12/2019 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 type="checkbox"/> Aaron Christiansen, Vice-Chairman | <input checked="" 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. None

2. General Items

- a. June 2019 minutes approved
- b. Dale Ahren's term on the committee has expired. He hasn't contacted the mayor yet so he'll act as a volunteer until he is appointed by the mayor..
- c. Arbor Day will be May 5, 2020. Kurt will prepare a proclamation for the council to approve.

- d. Currently we have a balance of \$1500 in our account. The plan lists 9 trees for \$1800 for 2020. We will take an inventory of the healthy trees are South Pond to make sure all we have planted are still doing well.
- e. The school district has \$256 remaining in our account with them. This can be used for anything applying to Arbor Day.
- f. Artwork and Theme. We'd like to see the LHS students involved. LuAnne will contact Seely Daniels, FFA advisors to see if there is interest. We could offer a scholarship of \$100 to the winner.

3. New Business

- a. Downtown tree district - LURA grant - Aaron submitted the information to Kurt to in January but nothing has happened. Kurt knew nothing about it - Aaron may need to resubmit.
- b. Thomson Park Blvd. - 13 dead Elm trees are going to be removed by Patrick Riedl for \$3900. Matt wants us to consider planting new trees in Thomson - we may need a Google map to help plan out the correct trees for the right spots.
- c. Veterans Park - 2 crab trees died and have been replaced
- d. East Maryland - Fran trimmed the trees.
- e. Russell Park - Trimmed all the trees
- f. Dead and broken trees are a problem. Karen sends letters to those that need to take care of their boulevard trees. The Tree Board wants to add the names of certified and bonded tree companys. LuAnne will check with to get those names to add to Karen's mailings.
- g. Our city website could list the proper contractors under the section on trees.
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4. Old Business

- a. 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. Applications for the Yellowstone County Weed District grants for noxious weeds.
- c. 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 Oct. 17th @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.