

Minutes
City of Laurel
Tree Board
1/20/22 9:30 AM

Council Conference Room

Attending: LuAnne Engh, , Matt Wheeler, Walt Widdis, Dale Ahrens, Aaron Christensen, Richard Herr

1. Public Input
 - a. None
2. General Items
 - a. Dec. minutes approved –
 - b. City balance \$528 School Balance ??? Dale will check on it.
 - c. 2022 Arbor Day – Tuesday, May 3rd – South Pond – them is “Grow with the Flow”
 - d. Grants – Dale will work on the Walmart and Northwest Energy grants.
 - e. Donation campaign will start with:
 - * Walt writing up an article for the Laurel Outlook explaining Arbor Day and the work we have done and asking for help with donations.
 - * Aaron will draft up a letter for donations from the banks and our usual contacts.
 - f. LuAnne checked on shirt costs tie dyed is \$13.60 Regular shirts \$8.00 – costs have gone up. If we want to have the artwork done it is \$30. It was decided to order 10 shirts of the tie dyed version for the committee and student artist. LuAnne will ask Dynamic to have the artwork done (we could use that on the donation letters) and our let them know our tentative order for shirts.
 - g. Regarding specific trees to be replaced – we know the Charlie Fischer (Sienna Maple) and the 2 Willow are gone and need to be removed and replaced. There are 3 Hackberry trees that looked bad due to flooding but may come back. Aaron suggested we raise the money and look at specific trees later this spring. Both South 8th and Railroad Street are missing trees in their rows.
 - h. LuAnne will start contacting the vendors to line them up for the Arbor Day Education section in the afternoon.
3. Old Business
 - a. Downtown trees – We have 13 locations that should be replaced. If the trees are gone the stumps are still in the ground or suckers are growing...its looks awful.

- b. Walt is going to draft a letter to business owners to tell them the trees are their responsibility and should be replaced. He is going to ask the mayor how people can request a grant from the LURA funds to pay for these trees.

4. Other Items

- a. Volunteer hours - Everyone turned in their volunteer hours last month. Thank you. This is used for the grants like the DNRC
- b. South Pond – Matt reported there is plenty oing on to improve the park this winter. Playground improvements, specifically.

Next meeting February 17th – 9:30

LuAnne Engh, Chairman