

Minutes  
City of Laurel  
Tree Board  
10/21/21 9:30 AM

Council Conference Room

Attending: LuAnne Engh, Paul Kober, Walt Widdis

1. Public Input
  - a. No public attending
2. General Items
  - a. Sept minutes approved –
  - b. Thomson Park trees – Patrick removed 10 ash trees and one Pine for \$4800
  - c. With \$3200 left in the tree account, Matt approved spending \$1,000 on trees to be planted in Thomson.
  - d. Three Imperial Locust trees were purchased from Billings Nursery. They will plant and give us a warranty. Cost was \$1050. These should be planted before the ground hardens.
  - e. Remaining \$2,000 could be used for more trees, trimming or removals.
  - f. Arbor Day Student artwork. All the schools have been contacted and will have their artwork done next month.
  - g. Balance for Arbor Day in the city account - \$528.05
3. New Business – none
4. Old Business
  - a. South Pond trees –
    - Charlie Fischer Memorial Tree (Sienna Maple) is struggling
    - Three Willow trees are gone but the signs are still there – maybe they could be replanted at another location on the pond and move the plaques.
    - One Hackberry is drowning, 2 others are ok, the Imperial maples (3) are excellent and the Honey locusts (4) are surviving on dry ground.
    - Baptist school Amur Maple lost 1/3 but is still going strong.
  - b. Thomson Trees-
    - 4 Brandon Elms are all doing fine – one is in serious need of staking
    - 2 Red Maples – planted by the city –small but doing well
    - 30 Green Ash – 60+ years old – all trimmed and look good

- c. Downtown trees – We have 13 locations that should be replaced. If the trees are gone the stumps are still in the ground.
- d. We should notify the landowners it's their responsibility to replace them.

5. Other Items

- a. Volunteer hours - Please keep your hours to be returned in December
- b. South Pond – asphalt walkway is finished. Paul said the Lions would like to see the drip system improved so that more trees could be planted around the pond.  
Benches are also an item – Rotary would like to add their benches.  
A retaining wall to hold back the east ledge will be necessary eventually.

Next meeting –November 21st– 9:30

LuAnne Engh, Chairman