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TREE BOARD AGENDA
MONDAY APRIL 5TH 2021
PARK BUILDING @ 5:30, 500 7TH AVE SW

1. Roll call – Ron Lenth, Joshua Johnson, Kyle Scheel, Jeff Milks, Bill Brownell
2. Absent: None
3. Call to order: 5:32pm
4. Approval of March 10th, 2021 minutes

Motion: Milks Second: Lenth

Aye: All Nay: None

5. Iowa Urban Tree Council recognition
 - Outstanding Community Organization Award

Johnson stated that he appreciated everyone’s hard work over the past few years in which they are receiving this award. Johnson stated that the Tree Board was nominated by Patty Reisinger with Trees Forever for the award. Johnson said that the online ceremony is scheduled for Thursday April 8th from 10:00 to 11:30am as he already sent the Zoom meeting link to the board. Johnson invited anyone with the group that does not do online meetings on their own is invited to come to the park shop that day to join in.

6. Trees Forever planting

Johnson stated that since they received the Trees Forever grant in the full amount this year that they will have around 55 trees to plant this year in the street boulevard. Brownell stated that there is a shortage of available trees in the regional area due to the Derecho that hit Cedar Rapids last year and people replacing ash trees. Johnson stated that he called the tree supplier right after they received notification of the grant award to make sure they had their trees for this fall. The board agreed that a late October tree planting has worked really well in the past and wants to stick with the October 20th planting. Johnson stated that this time works great for them as well since that gives them about two weeks to water the trees at the end of the season.

7. Old business: None



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8. New business:

Lenth stated that he was thinking of completing a tree-planting seminar this summer. The board thought that this would be a good service to provide to community members that have lost their ash trees due to emerald ash borer. The board thought that Patty Reisinger would be a good resource to help with this project.

9. Adjourn: 6:09pm

10. Next meeting – May 3rd, 2021