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TREE BOARD MINUTES

MONDAY MARCH 7TH, 2022

PARK BUILDING - 500 7TH AVE SW, @ 5:30

1. Roll call – Ron Lenth, Joshua Johnson, Kyle Scheel, Jeff Milks, Bill Brownell, Robby McKeeman
2. Absent: Ron Lenth-excused, Robby McKeeman
3. Call to order: 5:34pm
4. Approval of Tuesday November 17th, 2021 minutes

Motion Milks Second Scheel

Aye All Nay None

5. Trees Forever Branching Out Program
 - AmeriCorps proposal

Johnson reminded the board members about the Branching Out grant that they received recently. Johnson emailed the board members of the award notice the day they received the letter. Johnson stated that he is working on a proposal to have a couple AmeriCorps groups come to Oelwein in the fall. Johnson would like them to complete a tree survey of the parks and cemeteries as well as trimming trees at City Park. Johnson stated that if it worked out that the AmeriCorps members could help the tree board with their fall planting as well.

6. Community Forestry Grant

Johnson stated that is using the funds awarded from the Branching Out program as matching funds to receive the Community Forestry grant. Johnson stated this is a new matching grant that has been developed to help communities replace ash trees and help people replant after the derecho. Johnson stated that if they receive this grant that they will complete the planting Friday May 6th. Johnson stated that the proposed plan is to plant these trees in Woodlawn Cemetery along the drainage ditch to help stabilize this area. Johnson showed the board members on an aerial map that someone had planted nothing but ash trees along this area that are now infected with EAB. Johnson asked the board members to come that day to help with all the United Day volunteers' plant trees.



7. Trees for Kids Grant

- Arbor Day Proclamation Council – Monday April 25th
- Friday April 29th Arbor Day – Redgate planting if receive grant April 30th

Johnson stated that he would get the Arbor Day proclamation to be read on Monday April 25th at the council meeting as per requirements for the Tree City designation. Johnson explained that he applied to the Kids for Trees grant but the nurseries are having a hard time getting trees and couple not even quote him on many container-grown trees. Johnson stated that he talked with Lisa Bahe, they have worked it out to have the Girl Scouts and 4H clubs help that day since teaching proper tree planting techniques is a large part of this grant. Johnson stated that he would like as many board members come to this planting on April 30th to help.

8. Free Seedlings Grant

Johnson stated that he would apply to get two bags of seedlings again this year that are free of charge from the DNR. Johnson stated that he would talk with the FFA instructor to see if she has a class in mind that would work best to hand out the free seedlings.

9. Old business

10. New business

Discussion about a USDA grant was held about raising some possible grant dollars for various projects.

11. Adjourn 6:14pm

12. Next meeting – April 4th, 2022