



Minutes

Tree Board Meeting
Park Building – 500 7th Ave SW
Monday October 7th, 2024 - 5:15 PM

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Park and Recreation

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Call to Order: 5:24pm

- Roll call: John Fox, Joshua Johnson, Ron Lenth, Jeff Milks, Kyle Scheel, Terry Scherbring
- Absent: Kyle Scheel, Terry Scherbring
- Citizen Input: None
- Approval of September 3rd, 2024, minutes:

Motion	Milks	Second	Lenth
Aye	All	Nay	None

- One Million Trees planting: Johnson stated that he had called in locates for all the locations and the park department will be preparing the holes ahead of time. Johnson asked the board to round up any volunteers that they can bring for the planting as Johnson already reached out to Joe Bouska with East Penn for additional help. Johnson stated that he will be picking up the trees the day before the planting as the trees were split between Cannons and Manske’s equally. Board members agreed to meet at the shop at 7:30am Wednesday Oct. 16th where they will move to the first planting location for a tree planting demonstration as Johnson stated that he will send a reminder to Bri Hull, the Trees Forever representative and Alliant Energy.
- Gravel bed tree planting – AmeriCorps, Trees for Kids planting: Johnson reviewed the planting with the board as the planting went well. Johnson thanked the board members for helping with this planting. Johnson said that Jeff, Lou Ann & John



helped remove the trees from the gravel bed and all were impressed with the root systems. Board members were happy with the help given by the AmeriCorps members that Johnson lined up. Johnson talked about the Trees for Kids planting at Platt Park the previous Wednesday. Johnson thanked board members for attending and stated that the planting went great. Johnson stated that kids were helpful and Chip Murrow with the DNR was very helpful and supportive of the boards work as they talked a great deal after the planting.

- Trees Forever grant 25' tree selection: Johnson supplied the board the list of approved trees from Trees Forever for this grant as the board made their selection.
- Approval of Iowa Tree Planting Grant application: The board approved completion of the DNR application for purchasing trees to plant in parks and street boulevards.

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Aye	All	Nay	None

- Board member updates: Johnson stated that they are going to start asking one board member bring in some information on a tree related topic to share with the board each meeting. Johnson stated they can talk about a different species of tree, insect species or planting technique, anything related to the tree world that they would like to share with board members that would be beneficial for everyone to learn.
- Adjournment: 6:04pm
- Next meeting: Nov. 4th

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