

**ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
APRIL 4, 2022 - CITY HALL**

ATTENDEES Chair Jan Ruzich, Diane McAllister, Adele McCoy, Lucy Spickard, Ellen Welham, Paul Wessel, Nancy Wilkinson, City Forester Andrea Hanlon, City Council Liaison Jason Walters, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Tyleen Stoutt

CALL TO ORDER Jan called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

REVIEW OF MINUTES Copies of the March minutes had been previously emailed to Board members; additional copies were distributed. Paul made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Lucy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

FORESTER REPORT (Andrea Hanlon)

- **Permits** There were 10 permits in March for 21 tree removals. None of the trees was Ash.
- **Fines** There is one fine pending for removal of two trees without a construction permit.
- **Status Of City Issues** No report

ARBOR DAY

- To facilitate a review of the event, Jan distributed a list of procedures, concerns, and topics for discussion. Discussion was held and suggestions were made by Board members.
- It was felt that the turnout for the evening program was impacted by two other community events held on the same evening. As has been customary, future Arbor Day programs will be scheduled to avoid other events provided those dates are known in advance.
- Board members reviewed the species of trees that have been most popular and considered types that might be offered in the future.
- Event summary:
 - Residences receiving trees: 65
 - Trees given away: 214
 - Trees remaining: 33
 - Tree guards sold: 19
 - Payments received for tree guards: \$133.00
 - Donations received: \$221.00
- Gary will offer the remaining trees to residents who have expressed interest in taking them.
- Residents were encouraged to purchase hydrators at City Hall during business hours.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Park Road landscaping project** The project is in progress.
- **Invasive plants** Lucy reported some of her research results. The project is in progress. Lucy and Jan will update City Council on their findings at its next meeting.
- **Committee sign-ups** Jan circulated the sign-up sheet to members who were absent when it was previously circulated.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Meeting attendance** Members discussed attending Board meetings by conference call or Zoom if out of town or unable to attend in person.

TREE CITY USA / GROWTH AWARD

- **Volunteer hours** Jan asked members to record their volunteer hours for the year to date or email them to her.
- **Attendance** Jan has created member sign-in sheets for meetings.
- **Growth Award** Board members reviewed recent events expected to earn points toward the Growth Award: giving out fertilizer spikes at Arbor Day; presenting an in-person speaker; presenting a program related to health.

CALENDAR PROJECT (Jan)

- **Student artwork** Jan and Tyleen will contact the school about the possibility of our using existing student artwork in the calendar.
- **Future calendars** Board members discussed possible calendar themes and contributors of photography or art.

THE ANCHOR AGE NEWSLETTER (Ellen)

- **Future articles** Board members discussed ideas for future newsletter articles.
- **Next issue** The May article will summarize Arbor Day results and explain mulching methods.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT Jan gave the City Council report.

ADJOURNMENT Jan adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

NEXT MEETING: May 2, 2022 - 8:45 AM - City Hall

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Welham