

COMMUNITY FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD

November 13, 2018

Members Present: Eric North, Chair, Mary Sweeney, Andy Campbell, Scott Hofeling, and Kendall Weyers
Members Absent: Larry Anderson and Emily Casper
Staff Present: Lynn Johnson, Lorri Grueber, Mark Canney, and Janet Ball
Staff Absent: Bob Weyhrich

Chair, Eric North called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. He pointed out the Open Meeting Act posted on the wall. Eric welcomed our guest, Matthew St. Germain, a co-worker of Mary Sweeney's. It was noted that Larry Anderson had sent an e-mail that he has moved to Kansas and asked to have his name removed from the Board. Andy made a motion to approve the October minutes, Scott seconded, voted, minutes approved.

Public Comments: Matt stated that he is interested in helping with the Arbor Day Program and he will be submitting his application to the Board to replace Larry Anderson.

New Business: It was suggested that Assistant City Attorney, Jocelyn Golden, come to the January meeting to give an update of meeting protocol. Eric request that we have "Tree Board Training". Mary suggested purchasing the Tree Board Handbook published by The Arbor Day Foundation. Lorri will request the purchase of twelve (12) handbooks. She also suggested that Pete, with Arbor Day Foundation come to our meeting to do the tree board training. Eric will contact Graham.

Event Outreach: The Arbor Day Committee currently is comprised of Mary and Lorri. They discussed several ideas of what Parks and Recreation would like to do for Arbor Day. They stated that the project needs a location and determine number of trees to be planted and a funding source for the event. Mary suggested obtaining corporate sponsors to help fund the event. Arbor Day is the last Friday of April so in 2019 it will be April 26th. That is the date we will aim for to hold our celebration.

Mary suggested a Friday evening event or a Sunday event to get more of the public involved. Mary stated that the Arbor Day Staff of about 80 people will be willing to help with the event and help fund the purchase of trees. She shared many ideas of possible things to do, including food trucks and booth space for educational purposes. Eric likes the idea of more of a festival rather than a volunteer event. Mary also volunteered the Arbor Day Foundations creative team to help design T shirts and/or flyers for the event. Arbor Day Foundation gives all second graders in both Public and Catholic Schools a free tree and a packet of information. It would be easy to hand a flyer to all second graders regarding the Arbor Day event.

Mark Canney stated that Parks and Rec. has received a \$20k grant to plant trees in City parks. Rotary Club also gave a grant to plant trees in parks. Mark is also concerned with the potential number of volunteers and if there will be enough activity to keep that many busy. Mark also mentioned that the Maxwell Arboretum has a similar event each year. We don't want to schedule on their date. Andy suggest that we talk to Lincoln Electric System regarding joining us with the event.

Board Officers: Kendall asked the status of selection of Board officers. It was noted that we need a nominating committee to bring a slate of nominees to the December meeting and voting will take place in January. Eric said he was ok with staying as chair. He asked Kendall and Mary to serve as the nominating committee.

Old Business: Our By-Laws Article 4 Section 1 needs to be corrected to show what is on file with Municipal Code stating that we will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. An updated By-Laws was given to Eric. Andy made a motion to approve the change to Municipal Code to make the By-Laws and Code match and pass on to City Council. Mary seconded, voted, motion carried. Eric signed the updated By-Laws.

Staff Reports:

EAB: Lynn Johnson reports that a plan to deal with EAB was approved by CFAB in April and is being moved to City Council for first reading on November 19, 2018. On December 3rd The City Council will conduct a public hearing and likely vote on the plan as submitted. Lynn asked Eric to attend the December 3rd meeting to share that the Board has recommended approval of the plan.

Discussion took place regarding contractual removal of Ash trees. As previously noted, Parks and Rec will remove Ash trees that are under 18" DBA or smaller. A contractor will remove larger trees. Currently New Heights is the company that has the removal bid. .

Lynn stated that we have been working with Carson Global to develop and promote two workshops to discuss use of urban wood on November 28th and 29th.

Community Operations Forester: Bob Weyhrich has announced his retirement and his last day will be January 22, 2019. The Community Operations Forester position has been posted and closed and we are currently waiting on applications to be sent over from Human Resources to set up interviews.

Eric asked for agenda items for December. Mary asked that Arbor Day be kept on the agenda.

Andy made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Ball
Recording Secretary

Next meeting is December 11, 2018