

# COMMUNITY FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD

April 9, 2019

Members Present: Eric North, Chair; Andy Campbell; Scott Hofeling; Mary Sweeney, Vice Chair and Jessica Gieseke  
Members Absent: Emily Casper, Kendall Weyers  
Staff Present: Lynn Johnson, Chris Myers and Janet Ball  
Staff Absent: Lorri Grueber

Chair, Eric North called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm. He pointed out the AOpen Meeting Act@ posted on the wall. Andy made a motion to approve the March minutes, Jessica seconded, voted minutes approved.

**Public Comments:** We had two guest, Erin Chambers, a UNL Student and Lachel Bradley-Williams with the Arbor Day Foundation who will be appointed to the CFAB at the end of April.

**New Business:** None. This meeting is to discuss our Arbor Day celebration.

## Arbor Day

Lorri could not attend today so she sent Eric an e-mail of things to discuss. The event time for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> will be from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Irvingdale / Stransky Park. She has confirmed that Lynn Johnson will be the MC for the event and Parker Rex will be in attendance. Mary questioned the time since she had written 1 to 4 pm. Jessica said that per an e-mail conversation it was decided that two hours was plenty to start with.

Concern regarding contacting the Sowers Club and LES Forestry, Parks Heavy Equipment and the Public Libraries for a story reader took place. Jessica said she had contacted Brenda with Geer Library and they will have a story reader attend. Jessica asked for some tree stumps to let the children sit on. She will also make a plywood cut out of the Lorax if Parks and Rec will store it for future use. Lynn agreed to store it.

It was mentioned that Kiwanis will be planting at Lakeview Park on Wednesday (4/24) Andy checked on the requested Bald Cypress and thinks he can provide them but will check further.

Kaylyn Nerverve, Mark Canney's replacement with the Parks and Recreation Planning Department joined us and introduced herself to the Board. Welcome Kaylyn!

Jessica stated that she is still trying to get musicians for the event. If she can't line someone up then will put together a play list to play thru the sound system speakers as background music. She also reported that she has six volunteers to help set up and tear down at Saturday's event.

Lachel stated that The Arbor Day Foundation has some coloring pages that she could provide and have a table set up for children that would like to color. She asked if anyone has crayons. Lynn stated the he has talked to the Recreation people about staffing a children's table and providing crayons. So they will be there to help at the event and can provide the crayons and possibly paints and cord for the tree disc necklaces. Jessica will find some disks and drill a hole for them to be necklaces. Eric suggested using Pine wood. It was also suggested that a table be set to assemble them and possibly provide paint and/or stickers for children to decorate the wood disks. Jessica requested limbs under 4" diameter so she may cut them up. She also said the Lorri is trying to get 100 trees to give away.

Booth ideas include: EAB handouts, Adopt-an-Ash, 2 for Trees, The Nebraska Forest Service brochures. Lashall suggested that we get trees from Arbor Day Foundation to distribute. Friends of Wilderness Park was contacted but they will be attending the Earth Day celebration. PPNC was asked to bring out raptors but said no since all their birds are old and they do not take them out any longer.

Mary stated she will be able to attend the event and help. Andy didn't think he would be able to make it, too many things going on for his work. Mary asked "Why not hold the event on Friday after work next year?" Friday was discussed for next year.

Eric asked for a list of events for the week.

Monday = nothing

Tuesday = nothing

Wednesday = Lakeview Park = Kiwanis to mulch trees, remove water bags and stakes and weed the flower beds.

Thursday = nothing

Friday - plant one tree by JSTC

Saturday = event at Stransky Park

Mary suggested having volunteers show up by 12:15 pm

Event starts at 1 pm

Proclamation at 2 pm by Lynn Johnson

Event ends at 3 pm

Clean up volunteers stay until 4 pm or whenever finished.

The park has picnic tables but Lynn stated that Parks can bring tables for the arts and craft and brochure display. Parks will also bring our Arbor Day banner to display and will work with Eric to provide stumps for the children to sit on. Jessica will bring tree samples for kids to pick at. Jessica also asked if Parks had examples of the EAB or the wood showing the D shaped hole. Lynn said no, the bug was only found in a trap but has not been found in a tree in Lincoln as of yet. Andy checked the extended forecast and as of today, no storm is forecast for April 27<sup>th</sup>. Andy also announced that this is his last Board meeting. Lynn thanked him for his time and service. Everyone demonstrated their appreciation of Andy by applauding him.

Scott discussed the cost of a portable sawmill and talked about the costs of drying the wood. He found a company called Class Woodworks, 402-340-0722 that only charges \$80 an hour. Scott also stated that his term on the Board is over in September but he is willing to leave earlier than that if a replacement is found.

**Adjourn:** Andy made a motion to adjourn, Mary seconded, meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Ball

Recording Secretary

***Next meeting is May 14, 2019***

**Addendum to minutes from Lorri:**

The Kiwanis are not planting. They will be removing trees that have not survived, removing stakes, mulching, applying water bags, weeding the planting beds. We will coordinate with Kaylyn on re-planting the park as funding is available.

"Concern regarding contacting the Sowers club AND LES Forestry, Parks Heavy Equipment and the Public Libraries for a story reader took place."

- The Sowers have been contacted. They are uncomfortable with the format of the program this year and may not attend. They have not provided me with their final answer.
- LES has been contacted. I am waiting for their final answer. I believe they will be there, they simply have to get the go-ahead from higher up the ladder.

- I have not asked (or know who this would be) Parks Heavy Equipment. Forestry will be there in force with big tree trucks.

I have branches for the arts & crafts tree cookies. Lorri will get them to Jessica

If there isn't live music, we can get by without music. Big space, small sound system.

Recreation staff will help provide and man an Arts & Crafts areas for kids of all ages. They have the markers, crayons, glue, beads, etc....just need the tree cookies. (See above)

“She also said Lorri is trying to get 100 trees to give away.” I don't know anything about this. Need to follow up with Lachel about the tree seedlings. NSA?

Raptors are out for this year. I contacted PPNC and Fontanelle Forest. They are already booked that day for other events, but would like to be included for next year.

The service Days were always only going to be Tuesday-Friday. Given the late date and no advertising, I recommend we work with the Kiwanis on Wednesday, plant ONE tree at Jayne Snyder on Friday (the official Arbor Day Tree) and our Saturday celebration.

I do actually have samples of actual EAB infested wood with the galleries and D-shaped exit holes. They have been provided by NE Forest Service and have documentation with them. The samples were collected from Mahoney State Park.

Let me know if you have any questions about my info.

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