

COMMUNITY FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD

August 11, 2020

Meeting Summary. An informal meeting of advisory board members and staff present was conducted due to a quorum of advisory board members not being present.

Members Present: Lachel Bradley-Williams, Chair, Emily Deeker and Kendall Weyers,
Members Absent: Scott Hofeling, Jessica Gieseke, Vice Chair; Eric North and Mary Sweeney
Staff Present: Lorri Grueber, Adam Klingenberg, Kaylyn Neverve , Chris Myers and Lynn Johnson
Staff Absent: Janet Ball

Guests present: Erin Chambers by Zoom, and Patty Nguyen

The minutes for the July 14, 2020 Community Forestry Advisory Board were reviewed for accuracy. It was suggested that the minutes be revised as follows:

- Lynn stated that the Department will staff both committees. (seventh paragraph)
- Omit, "Emily agreed with Scott to quit replacing trees until all maintenance is up to date on current trees." (11th paragraph)

The revised minutes will be presented to the Advisory Board during the September 8, 2020 regular monthly meeting.

Events / Arbor Day Planning Committee

A free community tree distribution in partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation was planned for spring 2020, but was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. FedEx is providing \$12,000 to purchase 500 trees for distribution. It was suggested that the free tree distribution be plan for Saturday, October 24 in Antelope Park near Auld Pavilion. The Events Committee will be meeting to plan the event including publicity. Kat Scholl, Parks & Recreation Public Information Specialist, is to be invited to the planning meeting.

Policy Committee

It was requested that potential dates for a Policy Committee meeting be sent out to identify a time to meeting. The topic of the meeting will be the Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan update in process. It was requested the sections of the current Comprehensive Plan be sent out to Policy Committee members for review in advance of the meeting.

Staff Reports

Lorri Grueber presented an overview and storm response and prioritization of storm related work. A memo summarizing this information is attached to this meeting summary. Lorri reported that there have been 936 storm-related calls for service since June, and that 117 street trees have been removed as a result of recent storm with 33 additional street trees pending removal for storm damage.

Prepared by Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director

Next meeting September 8, 2020