

Decorah Tree Board

May 25, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm by Chairman Jeremy Brill in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Jeremy Brill, Mark Faldet, Roger Timp, Peter van der Linden, and City Forester Robin Sailor.

MOTION by Timp, second by Faldet: to approve the minutes of the April 2017 meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

Expenditures from the Power of Trees grant and current year's budget were reviewed. Brill will report to Trees Forever about expenditure of the grant funds.

Sailor has approved vouchers for 30 residences for about 60 trees. It is anticipated that all the remaining funds in this year's budget will be needed for the voucher program.

At present vouchers can only be used at participating garden centers in Decorah. A landscaping company in town would like to participate in the program but does not want to be listed as a participant on the voucher form. There was a consensus that this would be inappropriate.

Brill is working on a grant proposal to Alliant Energy's "Branching Out" program to fund the planting of 50 trees in Decorah. The trees could be planted anywhere in town, but the priority will be to replace trees in boulevards lost to storms or Emerald Ash Borer.

A workday is scheduled for Saturday, June 10 at 9:00 am, to plant the remaining trees purchased by the Tree Board this spring.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Peter van der Linden, Secretary