

## **Decorah Tree Board**

August 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Chairman Jeremy Bril in the City Council Chambers.

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

MOTION by Guilgot, second by Timp: to approve the minutes of the June meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

Timp reported that the Tree Board has spent \$180 of its budget so far this fiscal year, leaving a balance of \$3,820.

Alliant Energy's Branching Out program has awarded the city a grant of \$4,000 for fall planting. The grant proposal submitted by the Tree Board included a match of \$1,500 from the Tree Board's budget plus in-kind contributions from the city and volunteers.

Under terms of the grant, the trees can be planted on public property anywhere in the city. There was consensus that the Board should focus on one or more areas where there are obvious gaps in the canopy, possibly including public schools. Representatives of Alliant Energy would like to attend the planting, which was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 30.

MOTION by van der Linden, second by Timp: to expend \$1,500 for trees, tree guards, and other supplies needed for this fall's planting. Motion carried. Sailor will order trees and materials.

Discussion of the Decorah tree ordinance was postponed to a future meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the regularly scheduled time: 5:30 pm on August 31 in the Council Chambers. There will be a "work day" afterward at the new plantings along Montgomery Street.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Submitted by Peter van der Linden, Secretary