

Decorah Tree Board

January 25, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeremy Brill at 5:34 pm in the Parks and Recreation office in City Hall.

Present: Jeremy Brill, Mark Faldet, Dick Guilgot, Scott Timm, Peter van der Linden and City Forester Robin Sailor.

MOTION by Guilgot, second by Faldet: to approve the minutes of the December 7 meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

Brill reported on the budget. Of the \$4,000.00 budgeted this fiscal year, \$2,177.20 has been expended.

MOTION by Guilgot, second by Faldet: to elect Jeremy Brill as Chairman for 2018. Motion carried.

MOTION by Faldet, second by Guilgot: to elect Peter van der Linden as Secretary for 2018. Motion carried.

Timm reported that a grant proposal has been submitted to the Winneshiek County Community Foundation to establish a pruning tool lending library and offer programming about Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

Two guest presenters will be coming to Decorah during the next few months. Meredith Borchardt from Trees Forever will present a workshop about pruning, and possibly tree planing, in late March or early April. Emma Hanigan from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will present a program about EAB in February or March.

Timm and van der Linden offered to write public outreach articles. Possible topics were discussed.

Forty (40) trees will be planted in boulevards this spring using grant funds. Local nurseries and garden centers will be given the opportunity to bid on the trees.

Alliant Energy will plant 20-30 trees at the Fish Hatchery this spring in honor of their 100 years in Decorah.

The City Tree Ordinance was discussed briefly. This will be the main topic of discussion at the next meeting.

Sailor will work with other city staff to update the Tree Board's webpages.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Peter van der Linden, Secretary