

## **Decorah Tree Board**

June 28, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeremy Brill at 5:31pm in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Jeremy Brill, Mark Faldet, Dick Guilgot, Scott Timm, Peter van der Linden, and City Forester Robin Sailor. Parks and Recreation Director Andy Nimrod attended part of the meeting.

MOTION by Faldet, second by Guilgot: to approve the minutes of the May 31 meetings as circulated. Motion carried.

Brill made several announcements: 1) Meredith Borchardt, our contact with Trees Forever, will be leaving the organization to take another position. 2) The grant proposal to Alliant Energy's Branching Out program has been submitted. 3) The Tree Board has spent all its budgeted funds for FY 2018.

Nimrod reported that he met with the City Council's Personnel Committee and recommended some changes to the City Forester position.

Sailor reported that the local Rotary Club has received a grant to plant 106 trees in Decorah this fall, and is asking the Tree Board's assistance in implementing the project. Rotary prefers that low-income residents be given priority when trees are distributed. The Board discussed the logistics of the project and agreed that more information is needed from Rotary, for example would it be possible to plant half the trees this fall and the other half next spring? Sailor will follow up.

Education and outreach were discussed. What is the most effective way to distribute information to the public? It was noted that last spring's pruning workshop was well received. A

Tree Board website is another possibility. Brill will follow up with the City Manager on the latter option.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, August 16 at 5:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12pm.

Peter van der Linden, Secretary