

Decorah Tree Board

October 4, 2018

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

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

MOTION by Faldet, second by Timm: to approve the minutes of the August 30 meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

There was a discussion about trees marked for removal in boulevards. The trees will be removed by Total Tree Care which has contracted with the City. Additional trees will need to be marked and removed in the future because of Emerald Ash Borer or other problems.

There is uncertainty about whether the "Approved Boulevard Tree List" in the Boulevard Tree Voucher brochure applies to all trees planted in the boulevard or only those trees financed by the voucher program. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

MOTION by Faldet, second by Guilgot: to permit the homeowner at 601 Winneshiek Avenue to plant a sugar maple in the boulevard, with the condition that the homeowner will remove the tree if it dies within the first five (5) years. Motion carried.

The Tree Board departed City Hall at 6:03pm and walked along Mechanic and Short Streets to identify potential planting sites in the right of way. Brill marked these on a map.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Peter van der Linden, Secretary