

## **Decorah Tree Board**

December 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeremy Brill at 5:30pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

MOTION by Faldet, second by Guiglot: to approve the minutes of the October 25 meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

Brill reported that no funds have been expended from the Tree Board's budget since the last meeting. The City has spent \$22,825.50 on tree removals so far this fiscal year.

The terms of Faldet, Guilgot, van der Linden and Weis will be expiring at the end of the year. Those present agreed to serve another term if re-appointed.

Brill reported that the City has taken no action yet on the revised city tree ordinance.

MOTION by van der Linden, second by Guilgot: to recommend to the City Council that these trees be prohibited in boulevards: Maples (except Sugar Maple), Boxelder, Elms susceptible to Dutch Elm Disease, Siberian (Chinese) Elm, Willow, Walnut, Tree of Heaven, Black Locust, White Poplar, Mulberry, Spruce, and Fir. Motion carried.

Brill reported that no decision has been made yet on our grant proposal to Black Hills Energy.

The Tree Board's web site was discussed. There was consensus that much useful information is available there, but updates and more information are needed. In particular, the page Tree Board Projects needs updating, and information about Emerald Ash Borer should be consolidated in one section. The next step will be to select and meet with a designer. Brill will follow-up.

Adjourned at 6:25pm.

Peter van der Linden, Secretary