

Decorah Tree Board

February 28, 2019

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

Present: Jeremy Brill, Dick Guilgot, and Peter van der Linden. Also attending were Kurt De Vore from the Decorah Rotary Club, Robin Sailor from the Master Gardeners, and resident Brent Parker.

Arrangements for this spring's planting were discussed. Brill reported that the City has still not received a response from Black Hills Energy on its grant proposal. The \$5,000 already committed by Rotary will purchase about 50 trees, all of which will be planted along Mechanic and Short Streets if property owners agree. The Tree Board will select the species, order the trees, prepare a list of property owners to contact, prepare a brochure about the project, and handle other logistics. Rotary volunteers will help contact property owners and assist with tree planting. Brill and van der Linden will order the trees soon; other logistics will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Master Gardeners would like to collaborate with the Tree Board on community improvement. Possible projects were discussed, including the following: helping with tree planting, landscaping the triangle at Short and Division Streets, and assisting homeowners when they pick-up trees the Tree Board is offering this spring.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Peter van der Linden, Secretary