

Decorah Tree Board

March 28, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeremy Brill at 5:35pm in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Jeremy Brill, Drew Pellett, Scott Timm, and Peter van der Linden.

MOTION by Timm, second by Pellett: to approve the minutes of the January meeting and the minutes of the February meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Brill will be leaving the Tree Board so a new chairman is needed. A decision was postponed until the next meeting.

Three residents have applied for two open positions on the Tree Board. The City Council has not appointed anyone yet.

MOTION by van der Linden, second by Timm: to place the same ad as last year in the local newspaper's Home and Garden Edition. Motion carried.

Brill announced that the City Council has approved updates to the City's tree ordinance. Also, the City staff has made updates to the Tree Board's web pages.

Only one bid was received for the trees needed for this spring's projects, from Pinter Landscaping. MOTION by van der Linden, second by Timm: to accept the bid from Pinter Landscaping. Motion carried.

Timm circulated a draft brochure for this spring's planting along Mechanic and Short Streets. He will revise the brochure per suggestions made at the meeting. It was agreed to plant the trees on May 4. May 11 will be the rain date. Property owners will be contacted by mail; also, Pellett will distribute a door hanger.

The Tree Board will have 30 trees to distribute to the public for planting in boulevards this spring. Residents must request the trees in advance; requests will be accepted until the supply of trees is exhausted. Residents will make their requests through a new e-mail account to be set up for Tree Board use. It was agreed to have residents pick up the trees on Earth Day (April 22) if the trees are available then. Otherwise, pick up will be on Arbor Day (April 26). Timm will check to see if the County Extension Office can serve as the pick up site. Van der Linden will prepare a news release.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

Peter van der Linden, Secretary