

Decorah Tree Board

May 30, 2019

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

Present: Mark Faldet, Dick Guilgot, Tina Hall, Brent Parker, Drew Pellett, Scott Timm, Peter van der Linden, and former Tree Board member Jeremy Brill.

MOTION by Guilgot, second by Faldet: to approve the minutes of the April 29 meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

Brill reported that the Tree Board has expended \$733 for tree planting for FY 2019. The grant from Rotary for this spring's planting will be less than expected.

MOTION by van der Linden, second by Faldet: to expend \$3,186.45 to pay the portion of this spring's planting costs not covered by the Rotary grant. Motion carried.

MOTION by Faldet, second by van der Linden: to purchase three (3) crabapple trees to complete this spring's planting plans. Motion carried. Brill offered to purchase the trees.

Van der Linden noted that some of the trees planted this spring needed staking. MOTION by Faldet, second by Hall: to purchase supplies needed to stake the trees. Motion carried. Brill agreed to acquire the necessary materials and request utility locates.

Brill reported that Decorah has been awarded a \$3,000 grant by Black Hills Energy for planting trees in public rights-of-way between streets and buildings to enhance energy efficiency.

The board then discussed education and outreach. Some possible programs: a pruning workshop, guided tree walk, plant clinic.

Pellett suggested that the board apply for a Winneshiek County Community Foundation grant to plant trees in small communities in the county. He is willing to follow-up with community officials. Guilgot noted that the Foundation offers training for grant writers in November. The next deadline for proposals will be in January.

The board will meet at City Hall on June 13 at 5:30pm to plant and stake trees. This will substitute for the regular June meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Peter van der Linden, Secretary