

Decorah Tree Board

August 27, 2020

The electronic meeting, via Zoom, was called to order by Chairman Scott Timm at 5:40pm.

Participating: Dick Guilgot, Tina Hall, Scott Timm, Peter van der Linden, and City Forester Sam Hogenson.

MOTION by Guilgot, second by Hall: to approve the minutes of the June 25 meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

Timm reported that we have submitted reports as required for grants we have received. Our new grant proposal to the Branching Out program was submitted in time and is being reviewed.

Hogenson reported that the City continues to remove ash and some maples from boulevards. More than 100 stumps need to be removed. The City will need to sign new contracts for tree and stump removals. Many small trees in boulevards are under stress because property owners don't seem to be watering them.

There was a consensus that the small trees we have planted along Montgomery and Mechanic Streets should be watered as soon as possible. Hogenson will approach Andy Nimrod and Jeremy Brill about using City vehicles and possibly staff to do this. Guilgot and van der Linden offered to help if needed.

Hogenson would like to revise the brochure for the voucher program. He will circulate proposed changes by email for discussion at the next meeting.

It was agreed to discuss educational programming in a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07pm. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 24 at 5:30pm. Timm will email everyone to see if they are available then.

Peter van der Linden, Secretary