

## **Decorah Tree Board**

May 28, 2020

The electronic meeting, via Zoom, was called to order by Chairman Scott Timm at 5:30pm.

Participating: Mark Faldet, Tina Hall, Brent Parker, Drew Pellett, Scott Timm, Peter van der Linden, and City Forester Sam Hogenson. City Engineer Jeremy Brill and City Manager Chad Bird also participated in the first part of the meeting.

MOTION by Faldet, second by Hall: to approve the minutes of the February 13 meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

Hogenson reported that City staff and a contractor hired by the City are continuing to remove ash trees from boulevards. Most of the adjacent property owners are interested in having replacement trees planted by the City. Funds approved for spring planting this year were not expended because of the COVID-19 epidemic.

The City Airport wants to plant trees as a visual barrier and windbreak. They have requested assistance from the Tree Board.

MOTION by van der Linden, second by Faldet: to apply for a grant of \$2,500 from Alliant Energy's Branching Out program to be matched with \$750 from the Tree Board's FY2021 budget and in-kind contributions from the City as needed. Motion carried.

MOTION by Faldet, second by Parker: to spend up to \$2,500 of this year's budget (FY2020) to support tree planting at the airport. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38pm. Next meeting: Thursday, June 25 at 5:30pm, in person at City Hall and/or by Zoom, to be determined.

Peter van der Linden, Secretary