

Decorah Tree Board

September 24, 2020

The electronic meeting, via Zoom, was called to order by Chairman Scott Timm at 5:32pm.

In attendance – Scott Timm, Tina Hall, Brent Parker, Mark Faldet, Dick Guilgot, Drew Pellett

Not in attendance – Peter van der Linden, City Forester Sam Hogenson and City Engineer Jeremy Bril.

MOTION by Dick Guilgot, second by Mark Faldet: to approve the minutes of the August 27 meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

Scott Timm reported an email came from Sam that said we could borrow a truck and do some watering. No one has taken Sam up on this as of yet. It was agreed to leave it up to Sam if we needed to water more. Peter and Dick would volunteer if needed. Scott will contact Sam and see if we need to water more. Scott will also ask Sam about the watering bags not on the trees.

City Forester/Engineer Update / voucher/tree list update was put on hold due to City Forester and Engineer not in attendance.

Scott Timm reported two grants coming up. Branching Out grant up to \$5,000 and app is due NOV 1. It was suggested that shade trees, cooling and energy costs. Mark Faldet recommended we should focus on lower end of Water Street, Main Street and Broadway Street

Jeremy Bril reported via email that the balance in the Trees Board's current budget is \$6,635.11. Expenses so far this year have included submitted boulevard vouchers (6) and materials for tree plantings (we replenished the supply of tree guards and purchased a different type of water bladder). Bril also points out that \$750.00 is earmarked for matching funds for the Branching Out Grant that we applied for back in June.

Mark and Dick suggested making tree guards available.

MOTION made by Dick Guilgot to make up to \$500 available for tree guards and Tina Hall second. Motion carried. Timm and Faldet suggest making this known immediately due to deer starting to move into town. Just for boulevard trees.

Scott Timm reported about tree seedling give away through Trees Forever. Board spoke about different options to utilize the program.

Mark talked about grinding out stumps.

October 29th is next meeting @5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned. Motion by Mark, Drew second.

Submitted by Brent Parker. Corrected at Tree Board meeting on December 17, 2020.