

## **Decorah Tree Board**

March 25, 2021

The electronic meeting, via Zoom, was called to order by Chairman Scott Timm at 5:33pm.

Participating: Mark Faldet, 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 February 25, 2021 meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

The press release about pruning has been released to the media. The press release about how to identify ash trees is not yet ready for circulation.

Guilgot suggested that the Tree Board encourage tree planting in the Downing Subdivision near the airport, as there are not many trees there. The Bruening Subdivision also needs street trees. It was noted that the trees would need to be located so they don't interfere with sidewalk installations. Hogenson will discuss the matter with City Engineer Jeremy Brill.

Kevin Sand has purchased 50 bare-root trees to plant around Decorah this spring, fencing to cage the trees, and fence posts. The cages will need to be fabricated in advance.

MOTION by van der Linden, second by Faldet: to re-run the Tree Board's advertisement in the Decorah newspaper's home and garden issue. Motion carried.

Hogenson has ordered 25 trees for spring planting, at a cost of \$3,221. He does not know when the trees will arrive. The Board agreed to set a tentative planting date of May 8. The nursery does not have chinkapin oak so they will replace that species with swamp White oak and Heritage oak.

Faldet reported that Green Iowa Americorps has not yet responded to his invitation to help water trees. Members of the tree board are willing to water trees if the City provides equipment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 29 at 5:30pm.

Peter van der Linden, Secretary