

Decorah Tree Board

May 27, 2021

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

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

MOTION by Guilgot, second by Hall: to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2021 meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

Hogenson reported that volunteers have been planting some trees too deeply. Nurseries often provide trees with the root flare buried several inches below the surface of the root ball, and in such cases, soil should be removed from the top of the root ball before planting. It was agreed that Hogenson will provide a demonstration of proper planting techniques for volunteers participating in the Board's next tree-planting project this fall.

Hogenson has removed four ash trees downtown, which will be replaced with two hackberries, an elm, and a hornbeam. He has also planted the trees on Center Street that could not be planted on May 8. Hogenson suggested that trees be planted in the boulevard adjacent to the Carrie Lee and Middle School grounds. Following discussion Board members agreed to open discussions with the school administration about this opportunity.

The back-ordered swamp white oaks have arrived and need to be planted. Hogenson will set up a Doodle poll to schedule a planting date and time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 24 at 5:30pm, in person.

Peter van der Linden, Secretary