

City of Decorah Tree Board Meeting 2/24/2022

Scott initiated the board meeting at 5:35 P.M. and Aaron seconded the motion.

Members absent - Tina and Mark.

The Winneshiek energy district proposed the Tiny Tree Initiative, a tree planting program for homeowners. The tree board passed a outstanding resolution of support.

-Approval was granted to plant bare root trees to the city forester. Ordering Bare root stock from Cross Nurseries in Farmington, Minnesota. A cool spot with water supply is needed for storing the bare root stock.

We are in the process of acquiring 27 bare root trees for boulevard planting. 5 species include Hackberry, Honey Locust, White Oak, River Birch, and Kentucky Coffee Tree.

Program Planting date set for roughly April 27th 2022. Weekend date may be better for volunteers?

Tree Removal Assistance Program was presented by the city forester. The program is designed to relieve home owners of financial burden while removing hazardous trees from private properties throughout Decorah. The Program is ready to be presented to the City Counsel.

Budget Remaining- \$ 3242.29 (Double Check This Please)

Grant Money Remaining - \$2589.98

The Board discussed the possibility of buying tools or trees with the remaining money. Starting a program for public tool lending was discussed.

Older Commerce Drive Tree Planting needs to be maintained. The City Forster has recommendations for the maintenance of this site.

Decorah City Waste Site could start burning waste/compost to save money. The money could be used for tree planting or spent elsewhere. Permissions and notifying local businesses were discussed.

Scott ended the meeting, Donny Seconded the motion.