

City of Decorah Tree Board meeting 3/17/2022

Scott Timm initiated the board meeting 5:35 PM and Aaron Terbeest Seconded the motion.

Drew Pellet was absent from the board meeting.

The tree board had an early meeting this month to discuss the Iowa Department of Natural Resources tree grant for 2022. The grant was discussed in detail. The Board acknowledged the attributes of the grant were outside our parameters for the planting.

Scott Timm met with AmeriCorps earlier this month. April 29th 2022 was discussed to be our tree planting date.

June 16th 2022 Trees forever is holding a Tree Workshop for the Decorah community. Sam Hogenson is working out the site details. The workshop will include information on tree identification and tree diversity in our urban forest.

Cross nurseries are providing the trees for our Boulevard planting project. Sam Hogenson brought to attention the equipment needed for the job, and the materials needed to keep the trees healthy while they are awaiting planting. An enclosed trailer may be best to transport the trees. The exact pick-up time of the bare root stock is yet to be decided.

Black hills Energy/Trees Forever Grants from 2020: There is roughly \$1451.00 remaining in our \$2589.98 grant after purchasing 27 bareroot stock trees from Cross Nurseries. The remaining funds will be used to plant more trees!

The Tree Board is composing to establish an Arboretum in Carlson Park on the South edge of Decorah. This project is in early stages of development, we need to contact Decorah Parks and Recreation for permissions/ logistics. Planting Trees around the new housing addition by the airport was also discussed.

Sam Hogenson Decorah City Forester touched base on the East Main St Planting. 11-12 dead trees have been removed from the planting. 10 can be replaced.

The Tree Board will be meeting early this April on the 21st 2022.

Mark Faldet ended the board meeting, Donny Shimek Seconded the motion at roughly 6:45 PM.