

**LIVINGSTON TREE BOARD REGULAR MEETING**  
**Thursday, July 21, 2022**  
**City-County Complex picnic table**

**Attendance**

Present: Laurel Desnick, Tom Shands, Maureen Lighthiser, Sarah Boyle, Elizabeth McNamee, Heidi Johnson.

Absent: Melissa Nootz, Maira Emperley

**Approval of Minutes** of May 19, 2022 meeting. Laurel made a motion to approve, seconded by Sarah. All in favor.

**Old Business:**

- Discussion of Tree Board applicants, Maira Emperley and Heidi Johnson. Heidi has already been confirmed by the City Commission. Elizabeth was confirmed by the Tree Board, but not the Commission. Laurel suggested a vote to re-accept all three new members and submit names to the Commission. **Sarah made a motion to approve, Elizabeth seconded, all in favor.**
- Discussion of tree and shrub recommendations. Sarah had prepared a list to submit to the City. The Board discussed updating it to specify which trees are best suited to which areas of the City, which are more or less drought-tolerant, and which are fast- or slow-growing. Sarah agreed to revise the list.
- Discussion of 2014 tree inventory and upcoming tree inventory, which does not include the north side of Livingston.
- Discussion of Tree Board Strategic Plan. Goals #2 (Advocate for trees) and #3 (Expand capacity) are linked.

**New Business:**

- Discussion of other City and non-public organizations involved in tree activities, need to develop a list of partners, including Parks and Trails, Zoning, and Planning Boards, plus the statewide Urban and Community Forestry program of the MT Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation, and the Livingston Business Improvement District (LBID).
- Motion by Laurel for the Board to conduct a “windshield survey” of the north side. Seconded by Sarah. All approved. At the next meeting, the Board will agree on how to divide up the northside neighborhoods so that each member will survey a specific area. Members will agree on what information to record.

- Discussion of where trees can be planted in neighborhoods where there are no boulevards.
- Discussion of future budgeting for maintenance of new trees being planted by the City and by Livingston Loves Trees, including possibly establishing an endowment fund.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm. Next meeting will be September 15, 2022, 12 noon-1 pm, location to be announced.