

LIVINGSTON TREE BOARD

REGULAR MEETING June 17, 2021, SACAJAWEA GAZEBO

MINUTES

Attendance: Marshall Swearingen, Lisa Harreld, Andy Mitchell, Tom Shands, Eric Schneider

Approval of Minutes: Andy made a motion to approve the minutes from April 15, 2021. Marshall seconded. All in favor.

Old Business:

- Update on April recommendation for Planting Guide, boulevard species list and web content – Eric approved the Guide. The Guide is finalized, we are just waiting for the City to approve it and upload to the City web site. Thanks to Tom and Andy and Marshall for all their efforts.

New Business:

- Discussion about developing a strategic plan for the board – Marshall brought up the idea that we should create a strategic plan similar to the one the Parks and Trails committee created. The plan would identify our priorities and be a mechanism to complete tasks and projects. Laurel is interested in planting more trees at the entrances to town. We also want to encourage and foster tree planting and maintenance. Eric is interested in continuing to focus on removing old ash trees and replacing with a variety of other trees. We also want to continue to empower homeowners to plant and maintain a variety of trees. Andy is interested in continuing to work on the municipal forestry plan. Once we create a strategic plan we want to send our recommendations to the city commission as a whole. We also had a discussion about whether we, the Tree Board, is being adequately represented to the city commission. We haven't had a commissioner attend our meetings in quite some time. In order to have a voice at the commission, we need a commissioner to attend our meetings and represent our recommendations to the city commission. Andy will talk to the city attorney about providing us with representation as is required in the ordinance. **Lisa made a motion to create a rough draft strategic plan at the next regular meeting. Andy seconded. All in favor.**
- **Board comments –**
 - **Marshall –** We have a 150 gallon water tank. It's out at Public Works and if we want we can use it for tree watering. Marshall also suggested writing notes to neighbors and offering to plant boulevard trees. He did that at the 4 plex near his house and the owner of the 4 plex took him up on the offer and even paid for

the trees. Another idea is to bring neighbors together and create a neighborhood tree plan.

- **Tom** – Tom is going to review the ordinance for clarification of tree board authority and responsibilities.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm. Next meeting July 15, 2021 at noon at the Sacagawea Gazebo.