

LIVINGSTON TREE BOARD

REGULAR MEETING August 19, 2021, SACAGAWEA GAZEBO

MINUTES

**Attendance:** Marshall Swearingen, Lisa Harreld, Rick VanAken, Laurel Desnick, Robin Addicott, Tom Shands, Maureen Lighthiser, Elinor Wend, Susan Regele

**Approval of Minutes:** No minutes available for approval.

**Old Business:**

- Update on draft strategic plan for board – The strategic plan will help the board focus on goals. General discussion regarding whether the plan should be all inclusive or whether it should be brief and give highlights of goals. Laurel suggested that more is less. As the discussion moved forward the board discussed that this would be a good question to ask our commission liaison. However, Mel Friedman is our liaison and he hasn't attended a meeting in over a year. In order to be an effective board, we need some kind of representation at the commission level. Regarding the strategic plan, we will continue to focus on the 3 main goals. One of the benefits of a good strategic plan is that it can be used as the basis for future grant opportunities.
- **New Business:** Discuss upcoming grant opportunities to recommend – Tom mentioned AMB West grant opportunity. We will continue to do research to find grant opportunities.
- **Public comments –**
  - Elinor said she would like to see a list of ash trees that should be on the “save list”
- **Board comments –**

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm. Next meeting September 23, 2021 at noon at the Sacagawea Gazebo or zoom