

Tree Board

May 19, 2022, noon to 1 pm

Present:

Voting members: Laurel Desnick, Maureen Lighthiser, Elizabeth McNamee

Non-voting members: Melissa Nootz, Dan Baker, Park Foreman

Absent: requested absenom Shands, Sarah Boyle

Approval of Minutes February 2017, motion by Maureen, second by Elizabeth, 3 yay

Old business:

Update from Dan regarding City Tree Planting: planted approximately 40 trees, throughout city. Replaced trees taken down due to hazards in the previous year. Grant funded by MUFCA, bids and implementation handled by them including purchase and planting. Roughly \$40,000. Still many trees in town needing attention due to hazard, illness, location.

Dan's recommendation for watering a new tree in Livingston for the first two years, 5 gallons three times a week.

Tree inventory starting in the next month. Mainly looking at the south side of town. Each tree evaluated for condition, species, location. Contract has been awarded. Intention is to have the inventory completed by September this year.

Update from PCEC on their tree project. Erica not able to attend. Per Dan, PCEC completed their project planting about 70 trees around town this week.

New business:

Park St/89 S through town project. City budget meeting will be May 24, 5:30 -8:30 pm, possibly on zoom. It would be important to bring up this topic as a priority. It is already in the Tree Board Strategic Plan but no budget is currently attached to it. Best approach would be to include a number of other Boards such as Active Transportation, Parks and Trails, Zoning, Planning, Public Works, etc. Laurel will attend.

Update tree list for new climate considerations. Will review at next meeting hopefully along with Dan Busch, city arborist, and Sarah Boyle present.

Agenda items for next meeting:

Revisit strategic plan, Laurel will send out prior to the meeting

Revisit the tree species recommendations, along with list for shrubs appropriate in our climate. Laurel will send out current and new recommendations, along with link to city website and tree resources

New member applications: will check with Faith for updates

Next meeting: June 16, noon, location to be announced. If interested in gazebo, we must reserve with Maggie.

