

**JANUARY 16, 2019 TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Beckwith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Adam Gould, Sarah Beckwith, Barb Bublitz (arrived at 5:31), Bill Sachse and David Mancheski.

Excused: Barb Steponkus

Others Present: City Administrator Ramona Flanigan and Public Works Director Tom Hartzell.

Flanigan confirmed the meeting agendas were properly posted on Friday, January 11, 2019 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library and City Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A Gould/Sachse motion to approve the November 14, 2018 Tree Board meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

GRANT PROGRAMS: The Alliant Grant for \$2,500 and the ATC grant for \$3,450 were received. These 2 grants will be used for the arboretum at RTP. The DNR grant for \$5,000 for the gravel bed was approved. The planting will start this spring. Within the next month staff will start looking for the bare root trees. Staff will put together a planting plan for the arboretum for the Board to review at the next meeting.

LINER TREES FOR SCHOOLS: In a previous meeting the Board had discussed getting tiny liner trees to hand out to the grade school students. These trees would be given to each student to plant at their homes. Gould checked with the DNR and they have a program offered for 4th graders only. He stated they will give out 1 tree for each 4th grade student for free. We would need to give them a count and pick them up. Beckwith suggested we use this program in conjunction with our Arbor Day activities. Gould will speak to the 4th grade teaching staff to coordinate how to get the trees to the students.

PUBLIC AWARENESS EFFORTS AND ARBOR DAY: Flanigan stated she will speak to staff to get the word about the grants on our Facebook page. There was information put in the 4th quarter newsletter. Gould reported that he has already put in motion an activity for his students. He does a “service day” with his students each month. He has one planned on April 26th, the day before Arbor Day. They will be given the option of planting some trees at Racetrack Park for that activity. This would be a great opportunity to get the kids involved with Arbor Day.

Sachse suggested using Arbor Day as a way to support the Memorial Tree program. Flanigan has prepared a form that will give all the information needed to donate a memorial tree. Sachse stated he thinks the information should be put on Facebook sometime in February to give people time to think about donating and time to get a tree.

TREE ORDINANCE: The current tree ordinance does not address the issue of the city’s ability to remove problematic trees on private property. The staff received samples of other ordinances from other municipalities. Flanigan prepared a draft of the ordinance and distributed it to the

Board. Hartzell will review the draft and make any suggestions. The Board will also review the draft and will discuss it at the next meeting.

Flanigan reported on the Tree City application. The State Forester indicated he had received approximately 32 applications. It will be a couple of weeks before he can get through all the apps. He confirmed our application appeared to be complete. They are hoping to have a designation by the end of the quarter.

NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS:

Next meeting February 20th, 2019 at 5:30 pm

- Gravel Beds
- Arbor Day-liner trees
- Planting Plan for RTP
- Bare Root Stock
- Banner and price for trees
- Tree ordinance

Being no other business before the Board, a Bublitz/Beckwith motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Ramona Flangan/wjl
City Administrator