OCTOBER 17, 2018 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 and David Mancheski. Barb Steponkus arrived at 5:50.

Excused: Bill Sachse

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

Flanigan confirmed the meeting agendas were properly posted on Friday, October 12, 2018 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library and City Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A Gould/Bublitz motion to approve the September 10, 2018 Tree Board meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

GRANT PROGRAMS: There are 3 grant applications that have been submitted. The first grant is an Alliant Energy grant for \$2,500. That grant will be awarded November 1st. The Alliant Energy grant will be for the trees planted, in the linear arboretum, that will demonstrate the types of trees that can be planted under power lines. The second grant was the ATC grant for \$3,450. This grant would pay for 23 trees at \$150 per tree. The trees would demonstrate the different woodland trees native to Wisconsin. This grant announcement will be at the end of the year. The final grant is from the DNR for \$5,000. This is a start up grant that was discussed in prior meetings. This grant could be used to fund the gravel bed project and for purchase of 50 bare root trees. This grant will be announced early in 2019.

RACETRACK PARK PLANTING PROJECT: The Edgerton Rotary Club donated \$1,500 to the project. The money is currently available. Staff has requested bids from nurseries for a list of specific trees. The Rotary donation will not cover all of the trees listed on the bid request. The Board will need to decide which trees to use the Rotary money on. The bids will be due by the end of next week.

The notice for the memorial trees was put in the quarterly newsletter. The Board will need to decide the size of an area they would like to reserve for memorial trees.

2019 BUDGET: The 2018 budget for trees was \$9,000. The Board requested to increase that amount in 2019 to \$11,500. The Council will finalize the budget at their next meeting. At this time the additional \$2,500 is still in the budget to be approved. The \$11,500 being requested will be use for the following: \$4,000 for EAB, \$4,000 for stump removal and \$3,500 for the purchase of trees and the gravel beds.

NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS:

Next meeting November 14th at 5:30 pm

- Race Track Park planting
- Grants

- Update tree ordinance
- Update on Rotary Trees
- Update on budget

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

Ramona Flangan/wjl City Administrator