

MARCH 12, 2018 TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES CITY OF EDGERTON

Sara Beckwith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Sara Beckwith, Barb Bublitz, and Bill Sachse.

Excused: Adam Gould and Barb Steponkus

Others Present: City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Public Works Director Tom Hartzell and Alderperson Matt McIntyre.

Beckwith confirmed the meeting agendas were properly posted on Friday, March 9, 2018 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library and City Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A Sachse/Bublitz motion to approve the February 26, 2018 Tree Board meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

MISSION STATEMENT: Sara Beckwith presented the following mission statement for consideration: Our mission is to improve the appearance of our city through programs and events that raise awareness, establish growth and manage city trees. Bill Sachse presented the following statement for consideration: To work in concert with the Edgerton Public Works Department to advocate for conservation and maintenance of the city's existing public trees and shrubs; while also promoting citizen participation, expanding this valuable civic resource through planned projects and ongoing education outreach. The Board would like to review these statements and allow missing members to contribute and discuss it at another meeting.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION: Arbor day is April 27th and the Board would like to discussing projects that can be done for this. These projects are part of the requirements to become a Tree City USA. Sara suggested doing a cleanup in one of our parks. She also suggested planting some trees or doing a contest to find the biggest tree in the city. This could be advertised in our quarterly newsletter. Tom stated several trees need to be removed at the Vet's building. He suggested that maybe the Board could do some planting there and possibly get the kids involved. Tom suggested talking to Kathy Engler the Director of the Children's Center to get her suggestions. Tom has a list of trees the city orders from. The Board will look at the list of trees and discuss at the next meeting. Sara would like to do the biggest tree contest. The forms will be distributed in the next newsletter and can be returned to the City Hall. The Board would like to offer a gift certificate for the floral shop for the winner.

12 MONTH GOALS:

- Bill would like to investigate the gravel bed bare root planting idea. Tom stated it could possibly go in the back of the cemetery or behind the garage building. Sara would like to put together a time line for the project.
- Ramona spoke to the Rotary Club and they are still interested in working with the Board on the RTP planting project. They would like to start with planting trees at the entrance of the park.
- Work on the Tree City USA requirements.
- Promote participation on the board and promote volunteering for various projects.

NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS:

Next meeting April 9th at 6:00 pm

Items on the agenda: Finalize mission statement, finalize 12 month goals, choose trees for Arbor Day planting at Vet's building, RTP planting project, Newsletter items, Arbor Day Celebration details

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

Ramona Flangan/wjl
City Administrator