

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Beckwith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Adam Gould, Sarah Beckwith, Barb Bublitz and David Mancheski.

Excused: Barb Steponkus and Bill Sachse

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

Flanigan confirmed the meeting agendas were properly posted on Friday, September 7, 2018 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library and City Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A Gould/Mancheski motion to approve the August 1, 2018 Tree Board meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

GRANT PROGRAMS: Staff has submitted two grants, one for Alliant Energy and one for ATC Company. The Alliant Energy grant fits well with our Race Track Park planting. This company advocates for short trees to be planted under power lines. This planting would show the different types of small trees that can be planted. ATC is the transmission line company. They would like to see no trees planted under power lines. They support the planting of trees but they need to be planted in the right areas. One more grant that is available is the DNR Tree Grant. This is a “start up” grant which requires a 50/50 match. The gravel bed and bare root stock would be the best project for this grant. This grant could also be used for removal of dead trees. This grant application is due at the end of September.

RACETRACK PARK PLANTING PROJECT: Flanigan presented a conceptual plan for the Linear Arboretum at Racetrack Park. The Board will need to consider the categories of trees they wish to plant to educate the public. Flanigan discussed with the Board examples of different groupings that might be planted. The goal of the arboretum is to educate the public so they can choose these different trees to plant on their properties.

2019 BUDGET: The 2019 budget includes a request of \$9,000. \$4,000 would be for EAB treatment chemicals and \$4,000 for stump removal. If the City does not receive the grant from the DNR the Board would have \$1,000 to put toward materials for gravel bed but would not be able to purchase any new trees. If the city receives the DNR grant the Board would have approximately \$2,300 for the planned projects. Ramona recommended the Board ask for additional funds for purchasing trees and supplies for the planned projects for 2019.

A Gould/Beckwith motion to request an additional \$2,500 in the 2019 budget passed on a 4/0 roll call vote.

NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS:

Next meeting October 8th at 6:30 pm

- Race Track Park planting
- Grants
- Newsletter-Talk about RTP project and offer memorial trees with cost & plaque
- Budget

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

Ramona Flangan/wjl
City Administrator