

City of Pierre
Arbor Committee Minutes
Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016

The March 2016 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at the City Hall conference room. Ron Schreiner called the meeting to order at 12:02pm. Those in attendance were Board Members: Chuck Humphrey, Tony Dorschner, and Art Smith; Ex-Officio Members: Jeanne Goodman, Todd Kelly, Sharon Pruess, and Tom Farnsworth.

The minutes from last meeting were approved as presented.

The agenda for this meeting was approved as presented except to move Sharon Pruess to the front of the agenda.

Old Business:

2016 Plan of Work:

The proposed 2016 work plan was accepted without change.

Arbor Day program:

Robin from the Library was not available to attend the meeting, so Tom reported that she was working with McKensy to develop a short educational program for the YMCA Kids-Stop. Site chosen for the tree placements will be on the east side of Rawlinigs Library. Ron will contact the Modern Woodmen for a donation; Todd and Art will coordinate getting trees.

Tree Trimming Workshop:

An idea added to Dr Ball's Tree Trimming workshop is to provide branch examples for an easier show and tell on how to take off a branch. Ron will coordinate that effort. Tony asked if Patrick can be asked to film the seminar for people who cannot make the meeting. Tom will check if Patrick is available or contracted to do that.

2016 Arboretum Work Day - removal of protective sleeves:

The Boy Scouts will be there at 9am on 4/23/16. Val Keller will have a container ready for the event. Ron will bring a tractor and would like a designated person to bring/use a chainsaw either before or at the time of the event.

New Business:

Landscape Ordinance:

Sharon presented the Board with draft language the city will use to initiate a commercial landscape ordinance section in municipal code. There is currently no ordinance for Pierre in the books. The draft was designed after reviewing existing ordinances from 5 similar sized cities in the state. The idea was to start simple and focus on commercial developments. City building inspection, engineering, and parks and recreation departments plus a group of private citizens reviewed pre-draft copies.

Major points of the proposed ordinance include: 1 tree per 50' of road frontage; parking lots >50 spaces require 1 tree / 25 spots planted in the interior; a 15' planting strip is left adjacent to public streets; it would apply to new construction or renovation of >50% of a building's value; it is not retroactive; it would apply to existing gravel or paved parking lots being repaved; the central business area would be exempt due to a lack of space; 1- and 2-family residences would be exempt; and it would require a landscape design plan.

No action was needed, or taken, by the Board.

Meeting adjourned by Ron at 12:55pm.

Submitted by: Art Smith, Secretary

Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, April 26th, 2016.