

**City of Pierre
Arbor Committee Minutes
Tuesday, July 26th, 2016**

The July 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 12:07pm. Those in attendance were Board Members: Ron Schreiner, Mark Smith, Will Hansen, Chuck Humphrey, Tony Dorschner, and Art Smith; Ex-Officio Member: Tom Farnsworth.

The minutes from last meeting were approved as presented.

The agenda for this meeting was approved as presented.

Old Business:

Tree Donation, Class of 1970:

The Riggs Class of 1970 wants to plant 5 trees in honor of passed classmates or their parents. They want perfect trees at a minimal cost; Board wants only trees native to the area. Five northern pin oaks were purchased from Runnings and were planted on the east end of the Arboretum between the shed and fence. They were watered in very well, put in good soil, but all 5 were lost. The 1970's class has documentation of the purchase. Tom suggested maybe present the class with fewer trees and a memorial plaque.

New Business:

Review City of Pierre EAB response plan:

Tom summarized the history of the EAB plan development. Group agreed advances in spraying treatments have been done since the current plan was written. Tom will ask McKensie to review the plan and suggest updates.

2017 budget request:

As usual, there is \$1,000 in the Parks Department's budget for materials (not trees), \$500 for Dutch elm control, and \$5,000 for tree purchases. Traditionally trees have been ordered and planted in the fall as a truckload of materials is cheaper.

Urban and Community Foresrty Grant:

August 5th deadline for this grant. The city is moving into agreements with private companies to develop landscaping plans where the city does the irrigation. Other partners will also be invited to help create new planting areas. Tom's idea is to use this grant for those projects. One area is at the base of the truck route. More to come as these ideas evolve.

Discussion:

Tony suggested that the next time John Ball is in town for a speaking engagement, perhaps Mike Cooper, assistant city planner for Sioux Falls, should also be invited to talk about green space in urban planning.

Meeting adjourned by Ron at 1:00pm.

Submitted by: Art Smith, Secretary

Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, August 23rd, 2016.