

City of Pierre
Arbor Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018

The January 2018 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at the City Hall commission meeting room. Ron Schreiner called the meeting to order at 12:04pm. Those in attendance were Board Members: Ron Schreiner, Chuck Humphrey, Mark Smith, and Art Smith; Ex-Officio Members: Tom Farnsworth, Todd Kelly, and Rachel Ormseth; guest Deseree Corrales.

The minutes from last meeting were approved as presented. The agenda for this meeting was approved as presented.

Old Business:

Green Scape ordinance review:

Held over for 1 month.

Tree planting guide brochure:

Brief overview of the planned outline. Rachel informed the Board of an educational grant with a March deadline that could be used to print the document.

Urban Forestry Grant application for trees:

Tom reported that the city has received the grant of \$1,000 with a conditional approval. Those deficiencies have been addressed. The grant will be used at the Community Orchard. The city will perform a soil test, the site location will be Sully Avenue; East Pierre Landscape & Garden Center will be the tree and shrub supplier. Private donations have already been received for the match requirement of the grant.

Community Orchard project:

Deseree distributed an expanded ground plan of the orchard. Discussion of between row ground covers, future plantings, and other topics were covered by the group. Priorities will be the fences, trees, and installation of a drip system. Planting day has been tentatively set for April 21st.

New Business:

State Arborist convention:

Todd reported that a lot of information was presented on Emerald Ash Borer, nothing really new though, nothing on the Japanese beetle. Regarding EAB, several eastern cities outside South Dakota are taking down unhealthy ash trees so the insects do not have a ready host. There were some good training sessions on new equipment and safety training. Five city staff and 1 golf course staff attended the conference.

Review 2018 Plan of Work:

A draft was presented, will be looked at at the next Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Ron at 12:53pm.

Submitted by: Art Smith, Secretary

Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, February 27th, City Hall conference room