

**City of Pierre**  
**Arbor Committee Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The February 2017 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at the City Hall conference room. Ron Schreiner called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. Those in attendance were Board Members: Ron Schreiner, Chuck Humphrey, Will Hansen, Mark Smith, and Art Smith; Ex-Officio Members: Steve Harding, Tom Farnsworth, and Rachel Ormseth.

The minutes from last meeting were approved with the correction of 3 typographical/grammatical changes.

The agenda for this meeting was approved as presented with 2 additions.

**Old Business:**

Tree Planting Guide Brochure, update:

Rachel and Art brought the rest of the Board up to date on intent and progress of the project.

Luanne Noeske donation/sign project:

No update as of now.

Bird & Squirrel feeding:

Mark will take March feeding, Chuck April.

**New Business:**

Class of 1970 tree donation:

Three trees were donated by the Class of 1970's to honor deceased parents; 5 oak trees were donated in 2016. Their current proposal is for 13 trees, planting them at the Arboretum or high school. They intend to donate trees as an annual event.

Dan Frost, head of the school district maintenance program, would like to give input on the species selected if the trees are planted on school district property.

Conversations will start on where/who wants trees. The Class of 1970's do not care where they are planted and do not want memorial plaques installed.

2017 Plan of Work discussion:

Tom summarized the annual work plan and why some items are where they are in the annual cycle. Additional coverage of the plan review will occur at the next Board meeting.

Tree Damage grant:

Rachel informed the Board of a \$10,000 grant with 50:50 matching requirement, for restoring a tree canopy after damage. The grant has a due date of 3/17/17 and will be reviewed 3/30/17 for a short turn-around. The grant is specific for trees and planting expenses.

Discussion:

Will briefly informed the Board that Ike's will again pay for materials for the school Arbor Day Tree Program. He will talk with Art for species availabilities; 287 trees will be needed, the event will take place at the schools on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned by Ron at 12:47pm.

Submitted by: Art Smith, Secretary

***Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, City Hall conference room***