

Tree Board Minutes for February/March 2020

The February Meeting was called to order - Mike Conway

The meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. on March 4 at the Park Hills City Building.

Attendance - Mike Conway, Joe Daugherty, Pat Flannery, Kathleen Laurin, Sally Soderlund

Minutes - Sally Soderlund

The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Kathleen Laurin, Pat Flannery

Kathleen understood that this was not to be a bona fide meeting and did not have the information. Pat Flannery supplied the information.

Balance in the Park Hills City's General Fund allocated for the Tree Board is now \$ 0. We have \$ 2822.89 in our Cash Reserve Account.

Programs - Mike Conway, Joe Daugherty, Pat Flannery

Plant-A-Tree Program -

Pat Flannery reported that the program was a success. The planting and financial components are completed for this year.

Spring Seedling Program -

Joe Daugherty asked for board member's input selecting available trees to purchase. The criteria he suggested for selection were; novelty from past years selections, personal experience with and aesthetic preference. River Birch, Loblolly Pine, Black Locust and Shagbark Hickory were chosen. Joe will order for coordination with the Easter Egg Hunt on April 11. Mike Conway will order signs to advertise the "Free Trees".

Road Projects -

Jackson Road - Joe Daugherty and Pat Flannery commented on the progress of Jackson Road's reconstruction. Uniformity of trees was discussed. Joe has canvassed the residents and will offer all residents a choice of 1 of only 3 types of trees for uniformity. The nine street trees that were removed for construction will be replaced free of charge by the city after being chosen by the residents whose property was affected. A 4' planting area will be available between sidewalk and road. A 8' interval between trees is desired. Pat suggested Fall for planting. He will purchase the trees and hydrating bags after comparing prices from reputable nurseries for Fall planting.

Monday, March 16, 2020

Amsterdam Valley - Mike Conway, Joe Daugherty and Pat Flannery commented. Concern for the hillside's erosion was voiced. The grade of the area at completion is also a concern. Mike or Pat will call Mayor Kathy Zembrodt to voice our concerns.

Special Projects-Mike Conway shared an idea that would propagate trees in targeted areas. It is a drone that flies and disseminates seeds over open but possibly hard to reach areas.

Community Communications - Julie Ochs was absent

City Council Update - Joe Daugherty

Grant Update - Joe Daugherty

Tree City U.S.A. - Mike Conway

Mike reported that through hard work and careful planning Park Hills is again a Tree City.

Master Plan Update - Urban Canopy - Mike Conway

Mike Conway stated that scheduling a meeting has been challenging.

Adjournment - Attendees agreed