

Tree Board Minutes for April/May, 2020

The May meeting was called to order-Mike Conway
Meeting was held virtually at Mike's request due to the viral pandemic.

Mike Conway, Joe Daugherty, Pat Flannery, Kathleen Laurin, Julie Ochs, Sally Soderlund attended

Minutes from March,2020 -Sally Soderlund
Minutes had been sent to members. They were approved.

Treasury - Kathleen Laurin reported

General Fund Balance	00
Reserve Fund Balance	\$2,565.44

Kathleen has been working with Julie Alig (City Clerk). Kathleen suggests that more funds (\$9,000) should be requested from the city for the Tree Board to cover the cost of the Tree Board's programs and to implement the replacement of the many lost trees in the city.

Programs & Projects - Pat Flannery & Joe Daugherty reported

Programs

Plant-A-Tree Program, Pat Flannery

Pat is working with Todd from Baeten's Nursery. If Baeten's is unable to procure the requested trees for the Plant-A-Tree program, they will suggest comparable replacements.

Spring Seedling Program, Joe Daugherty

Joe reported a super successful 2 week+ Spring Seedling program with additional complimentary plantings by Joe & citizens throughout the city. The newly purchased "dibble" (a pointed tool to plant seedlings) has enhanced the efficiency of planting the seedlings.

Road & Special Projects

Jackson Road. Joe Daugherty reported. As it nears completion Joe will have more to report. He was assuming that the majority of the replacement trees would be planted in the Fall. He will check on this is and coordinate accordingly.

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Amsterdam Valley. The project is underway. As it nears completion there will be more to report. The planning and planting of the Eastern hillside remains a concern.

Audubon Woods Forest and Trails. Joe Daugherty and residents planted 100 trees on the back (city owned) side of the development.

Community Communications -Julie Ochs and Mike Conway reported Julie will submit the Spring Seedling success story (composed by Sally) to the city's newsletter.

Mike is working with Sarah Froelich to interface the application and payment for our programs with the city's website.

City Council Update-

Mike will request an increase in the amount that the city allocates to The Tree Board.

Grant Update-Joe Daugherty

There is little to report. Joe looks forward to meeting with Urban Canopy and exploring possibilities.

Tree City USA Update-Mike Conway reported

Mike took pictures at our seedling event to attach to the Tree City application for this year. The per capita minimum qualifier for the award would be additional impetus to request a larger amount of funds allocated to the Tree Board from the city.

Urban Canopy-Mike Conway reported

Mike reported that the coordination of the initial meeting was further hampered by the pandemic's lockdown. Our contract's year will start with the initial meeting.

Adjournment-Attendees agreed