

City of Pierre
Arbor Board Minutes
Tuesday February 28th, 2023

The February 2023 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at City Hall Training room. Acting interim Board Chair Adam Kulesa called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Those in attendance were: Board Members Adam Kulesa, Amanda Martin, Cole Irwin, and Rollie Isaacson. Also present were Ex-Officio members: Park Superintendent Jay Jensen; Parks Department Crew Leader, Kaden Hight; and Parks & Recreation Director, Bryan Tipton.

The minutes from the January 2023 meeting were moved to be approved as submitted by Rollie Isaacson, 2nd by Amanda Martin, voted on and passed. The agenda was moved to be approved as submitted by Rollie Isaacson, 2nd by Amanda Martin, voted on and passed.

Cole Irwin was introduced as the newest member to the board.

Old Business:

1. EAB Response Plan- Sub-committee member Adam Kulesa provided a review and explained the recommendations are in the hands of our city leadership and anticipate a final review to come with any changes the city leadership makes to the current response plan.
2. Community Orchard- Adam Kulesa provided a background and review of the community orchard. City staff have agreed to take care of any necessary pruning this spring. A scheduled work day may not be necessary this spring with city staff taking care of necessary pruning. The board continues to look for options on an organization that can take over responsibility of maintaining the orchard.
3. 2023 Work Plan- Director Tipton provided an update that a revised version of the annual work plan will be provided to the board via email upon conclusion of finalizing the work plan. This plan will continue to be a guideline or working document throughout the calendar year reminding board members of upcoming business.
4. Election of offices- With the current vacancy of 2 board members, election of offices was delayed until March. Secretary Kulesa has volunteered to serve as interim chair until a new chair and vice chair are elected.
5. Arboretum Bird Feeding- Member Isaacson volunteered to assist new member Irwin with getting a key. Member Irwin will handle bird feeding in March which will conclude the feeding season until next winter.

There were no formal actions taken on the 5 old business items.

New Business:

1. Go Green and Clean Campaign- Director Tipton announced the campaign will again occur in 2023. The campaign will start on April 22nd (Earth Day) and go through May 15th. Organizations and volunteer groups are asked to contact Director Tipton directly for further information. The board was asked to help spread the word to help promote the campaign.

Dialogue:

Early planning for the Arbor Day program was discussed. Secretary Kulesa will be taking the lead on contacting the Isaac Walton League for a donation to purchase trees, solicit former chairman Smith for assistance with planning/ordering trees, and lining up a recommended education portion for the 2nd grade classes. Director Tipton will solicit the Pierre, Fort Pierre, and PILC 2nd grade classes and school administrators to line up date/times for programming and delivery of trees to be handed out.

There being no further business or dialogue the meeting was adjourned by interim chair Kulesa at 12:56 PM

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday March 28th at 12:00PM at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Kulesa
Secretary