

**City of Pierre**  
**Arbor Board Minutes**  
**Tuesday April 25th, 2023**

The April 2023 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at City Hall Training room. Board Chair Adam Kulesa called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Those in attendance were: Board Members Adam Kulesa, John Henderson, and Rollie Isaacson. Also present were Ex-Officio members: Park Superintendent Jay Jensen; and Parks & Recreation Director, Bryan Tipton.

The minutes from the March 2023 meeting were moved to be approved as submitted by Rollie Isaacson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Henderson, voted on and passed. The agenda was moved to be approved as submitted by Rollie Isaacson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Henderson, voted on and passed.

**Staff report:** Park Superintendent Jensen provided a brief report including affirmation the orchard trees have been trimmed, curb and gutter tree removals have been completed, and the remaining Dutch Elm trees to be removed was also completed within the past month. Jensen indicated this was the largest number of curb and gutter trees removed by park staff in recent history with over 40 this year. Jensen also mentioned to host the state horseshoe tournament, the state board had requested one large tree to be removed and staff will be taking care of this. Jensen updated the board that there is an opening for a parks crew leader with Kaden Hight moving on to the private sector.

**Old Business:**

1. Officer election- Secretary position remains vacant and was deferred to a future meeting with only 3 board members present.

2. Arbor Day Event- Chairman Kulesa and Director Tipton provided updates on the Arbor Day event for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students of Pierre and Fort Pierre. Community forester Joshua Larson from Rapid City is lined up to attend some of the events on Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> to assist in the educational program. 5 elementary schools are lined up for a brief educational presentation on the importance of Arbor Day and there are workdays planned for volunteers to bag trees in preparation of the tree give-a-way program sponsored by the Isaac Walton League of Pierre on Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> if necessary. East Pierre Garden center had the 270 Rocky Mountain Juniper trees arrive and are sitting in cold storage.

3. Go Green and clean update- Director Tipton noted that nearly all listed areas had volunteer groups signed up except for the highway along Garfield and some groups have already started or have a schedule lined up to take care of their areas. Tipton also noted that after a couple of years without the Department of Corrections performing some road ditch cleanup, current DOC leadership have agreed to take a large section of cleanup along hwy 34 which was completed earlier in the week.

4. Community Forest Grant/Arbor Day Proclamation- Director Tipton announced the community forest grant is being coordinated between community forester Larson from Rapid City and city of Pierre park staff. The grant requires a state community forester to be present. Park Supt. has all of the tree locations marked and will have the holes prepared the days staff are able to coordinate having a state community forester in attendance. 14 trees have been purchases and city staff are still awaiting for them all to arrive. East Pierre Garden Center was awarded the contract. DANR community forester staff did assist in coming up with tree species that were approved through the grant for our community. Tipton also announced the scheduled Arbor Day Proclamation will be presented by the City Mayor

Harding on Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at the Boys & Girls Club. Board members are encouraged to attend.

There were no formal actions taken on the 4 old business items.

**New Business:**

1. Dutch Elm Tree Update- Covered in Jensen's staff report.
2. Curb and Gutter Tree Update- Covered in Jensen's staff report.

No formal action was taken on new business items.

Dialogue:

There being no further business or dialogue the meeting was adjourned by chairman Kulesa at 12:40 PM

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 23rd at 12:00PM in City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Kulesa  
Board Chairman