

**City of Pierre**  
**Arbor Board Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 28, 2019**

The May 2019 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at the City Hall Prairie meeting room. Board Chair Art Smith called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Art Smith; Board Members Adam Kulesa, Will Hanson, Rollie Isaacson, and Mark Smith. Also present were Ex-Officio Members: Parks and Recreation Director Tom Farnsworth; Park Superintendent Tom Moore; Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator Rachel Ormseth; and Commissioner Vona Johnson.

Motion by Rollie, second by Adam to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019, meeting as presented. Carried. Motion by Adam, second by Rollie to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of "Informational Updates" to new business. Carried.

The new Park Superintendent Tom Moore was introduced by Tom Farnsworth. The Board members present introduced themselves, and he gave the Board a short description of his background and work history.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. *Tree planting guide brochure update.* Jeff Pochop from JC Printing attended this part of the meeting, and presented a draft of the brochure. Some editing by Art and Tony will take place over the next few weeks, with the plan to finalize the brochure before the next meeting. An extension was granted by the State, moving the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline back 60 days for using the grant money to pay for the printing of the brochure.
2. *Community Orchard update.* Tom reported that he had talked to Deseree Corrales, and that there is nothing new to share. Once some action takes place on the shed and shelter, she will come to a Board meeting with an update.
3. *Review of Arbor Day Events.* There was a general discussion about the Arbor Day events, including Dr. Ball's educational seminar, the Arbor Day tree planting of Mayor Harding's tree at the Mayors' Grove in Hipple Park, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade presentations by Will and Rachel. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade presentations went well, with a tree (Ohio Buckeye) being planted at Buchanan School. Will hopes that maybe each school will have a tree planting during next year's presentations.
4. *City Hall property tree plantings.* Further discussion of this project was held. The Board representative will be working with the Park Superintendent on the

planning of the project. Will (and his wife, Betty) and Adam are going take on this project for the Board. They will be working with Tom Moore and his staff. Art indicated that Steve Bontje from East Pierre Landscaping will be available to help with the plan design. The goal is to have a master plan put together for review by the Board for the July meeting, aiming for fall planting.

5. *Spring Tree Planting Update.* Tom Farnsworth reported that the 45 trees that were heeled-in last fall have been planted. He indicated that there may be some more trees that are currently in inventory available for planting.

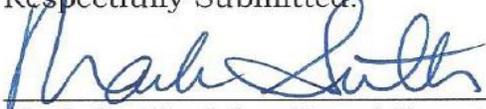
### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. *Arboretum Wood Fence.* Tom Farnsworth reported that the split rail fence along Isaac Walton Road was damaged over the winter – probably from excessive snow load. The Parks Department will replace/repair the fence with a similar type of fence.
2. *Wedding Arbor at Arboretum.* Tom Farnsworth reported that he was contacted by Ron Schreiner about the need for staining/painting the wedding arbor at the Arboretum. Ron volunteered to do the work. Tom Farnsworth also reported that there are some weddings scheduled for this summer at the wedding arbor.
3. *Informational Updates.* Rachel had two areas she wanted to report to the Board.
  - There are some nurseries in Spearfish and Sturgis that are selling green ash trees. As we know, this is basically a waste of time and money. She reported that someone from the Forestry staff would be soon meeting with these businesses to discuss the issues.
  - There are two programs that she is aware of that are through the Arbor Day Foundation. One is Tree Campus Health that she described as something like Tree City USA, only with hospitals and other health care facilities. The other is a children’s educational program called Tree Campus K-12, which is presented in the school. She and her office will be looking into whether these programs can be implemented in South Dakota.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Art Smith at 12:53 pm.

**Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, June 25th, City Hall Prairie Room**

Respectfully Submitted,



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Mark Smith, Arbor Board Secretary