

**City of Pierre**  
**Arbor Board Minutes**  
**Tuesday, July 26, 2022**

The July 2022 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at the City Hall Training room. Board Chair Art Smith called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Art Smith; and Board Members Adam Kulesa, Tony Dorschner, Amanda Martin, and Mark Smith. Also present were Ex-Officio Members: Commissioner Todd Johnson; Parks Superintendent Tanya Lieberman; Service Forester for the Urban and Community Forestry team, Daniel Ellenbecker; and Parks Department Crew Leader Kaden Hight. Also present through Zoom was Rachel Ormseth, Account Executive for Plan It Geo.

The proposed minutes from the last meeting (May 2022) were not attached to the meeting agenda sent out to the Board, so there was no vote on whether those minutes should be approved. The May 2022 proposed minutes will be considered at the next Board meeting in August. The Board voted to approve the proposed meeting agenda as printed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. *2022 Draft Plan of Work Discussion, including updated EAB Response Plan.* Mark and Adam reported that they had done some preliminary work on this, with the goal of making a recommendation to the Board at a later date. Because of upcoming scheduling issues for those on the EAB Response Plan Update subcommittee, this should be moved to the October meeting agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**


2. *Daniel Ellenbecker introduction.* Daniel Ellenbecker, service forester for the Urban and Community Forestry team at the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources, and the Board members present all introduced themselves at Daniel's first meeting with this Board.
3. *Dutch Elm tree removal.* Ellenbecker gave a short report on Dutch Elm tree removal.
4. *Community Orchard.* Once the original organizer of the community orchard left this project, the trees have been growing wild. They need trimming and pruning. There needs to be a transition to new non-governmental management of the community orchard, so work needs to be done to come up with a group that will step up to take it over. There was a discussion about members of this Board helping to get the orchard back into good shape. Nothing specific was planned at this time.
5. *Trees, People and Towns Conference – August 2-4, 2022.* This conference is scheduled to start August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sioux Falls. It is designed for anyone involved with the management of trees in their communities, including local arbor board members.
6. *Zoom Meeting with Rachel Ormseth.* Rachel previously worked with the Board for several years through her employment as Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator for the state. She is now an account executive for Plan It Geo. She talked about the

upcoming Trees, People and Towns Conference, and demonstrated the use of a tree inventory software system.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Art Smith at 1:00 pm.

**Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, City Hall Training Room**

Respectfully Submitted:



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Mark Smith, Arbor Board Secretary