

**City of Pierre**  
**Arbor Board Minutes**  
**Tuesday August 23, 2022**

The August 2022 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at City Hall Training room. Board Chair Art Smith called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Those in attendance were: Chairman Art Smith, Board Members Adam Kulesa, Tony Dorschner, Amanda Martin, and Rollie Isaacson. Also present were Ex-Officio members: Park Superintendent Tanya Lieberman; Service Forester for the Urban Community Forestry team, Daniel Ellenbecker; Parks Department Crew Leader, Kaden Hight; and Parks & Recreation Director, Bryan Tipton. Also present was the City of Pierre Resource Officer Drew Heaton.

The minutes from the May 2022 and July 2022 were moved to be approved as submitted by Rollie Isaacson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Dorschner, voted on and passed. The agenda was moved to be approved as submitted by Adam Kulesa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Dorschner, voted on and passed.

**Old Business:**

1. Tree software- Discussion was made about tree software options and grant funding available to help offset the cost of such software. Mr. Ellenbecker indicated the DANR has grants available to cost-share on the purchase of software that can be utilized for data collection on tree inventories.

2. EAB Response Plan- Adam Kulesa reported that he and fellow sub-committee member Mark Smith have met to further review the current EAB Response Plan. Sub-committee members have gathered information from other cities across the state and will provide a more formal recommendation on how to move forward with updating the City of Pierre's existing EAB response plan. Adam Kulesa mentioned after reviewing other city plans that a comprehensive inventory of Ash trees was consistent with several other EAB response plans.

3. Community Orchard Update: Chairman Smith reported after meeting with Karl Beckwith to get the orchard up to a level of standard that may require only minor maintenance moving forward that Karl's expertise is better directed towards how to maximize fruit production and care. Chairman Smith was able to connect with former lead caretaker of the orchard, Desiree and she was able to line up volunteer efforts to do minor general maintenance. Chairman Smith and Commissioner Johnson have taken the lead on coordinating a general maintenance day to get the orchard up to a standard in which we can look for an outside group to continue routine maintenance. Park Superintendent Lieberman did speak with leadership from the Boys & Girls Club and reported the Club is interested in the routine maintenance and would seek a more defined list of tasks to take care of the orchard and the time of year in which those practices are best performed. The Board will work together on getting that information back to the Boys & Girls Club.

There were no formal actions taken on the 3 old business items.

**New Business:**

1. Tree trimming ordinance- Board member Kulesa brought a concern from a city resident regarding enforcement of the tree ordinance to keep trees pruned up from sidewalks and streets. A copy of the city's tree ordinances was shared, and general discussion occurred in regard to how the ordinance was enforced. Resource office Drew Heaton spoke about his role with enforcement on the city tree pruning above streets and sidewalks. Due to lack of resources, the city is currently only addressing enforcement through formal complaints filed through the city. Mr. Heaton commented that there are a growing

number of trees that are not in compliance, and with the resources provided, he simply cannot proactively enforce the ordinance. Director Tipton suggested asking the street department to be invited to speak about enforcement of the ordinance as they are the department responsible. No action was taken on the new business agenda item.

There being no further business or dialogue the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Smith at 12:55PM

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Kulesa  
Board Member