

City of Pierre
Arbor Board Minutes
Tuesday, September 22, 2020

The September 2020 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 12:08 pm. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Art Smith; and Board Members Adam Kulesa, Rollie Isaacson and Mark Smith. Also present were Ex-Officio Members: Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator Rachel Ormseth, Parks and Recreation Director Tom Farnsworth; and Park Superintendent Tom Moore.

Motion by Adam, second by Rollie to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2020, meeting as presented. The motion carried. Motion by Adam, second by Rollie to approve the proposed meeting agenda, with the addition of Memorial Tree for Don Trimble to New Business. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. *Memorial Trees Likness and Thomsen.* The Likness tree has been picked up and delivered to the golf course. The Likness family wants to be involved in the planting. Steve Likness is the contact person. The Thomsen tree planting has not yet been set up.
2. *Dog park tree planting update.* Sixteen trees were planted at the dog park on September 19th. The city is watering those trees every day. The dog park committee is being encouraged to seek grants for more trees.
3. *Update on dutch elm diseased trees.* Tom Moore is making a list. He also reported that his office has been involved in a curb and gutter project where trees will be removed in boulevards, and new trees will be planted.
4. *Fruit orchard shed and shelter.* The shelter/shed at the orchard has been completed. The trees are doing well.
5. *New tree plantings at sink hole and B/G club.* At Sink Hole #1, the dirt work is done. The irrigation system needs to be completed. The trees for the project are in and are ready to get planted. The area needs to be hydro-seeded. Everything should be completed during the week of September 28th. At the Boys and Girls Club, the landscaped area has been hydro-seeded. The trees and plants have been planted. All that needs to be done to complete that project is adding the fence.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. *Fall tree protectors status.* New protectors were ordered and are in place. The fall pruning in the Arboretum has been done. A few of the trees planted this spring have been lost. Some of the cottonwood trees along the edge of the

Arboretum will be cut down with the hope of adding some sunlight in the Arboretum.

7. *Fall tour cancelled due to COVID 19.* Farnsworth wanted to remind the group of this cancellation.
8. *Memorial tree to honor Don Trimble by the Riggs Class of '68.* The process has just started on this memorial. The organizers have not indicated whether they want the tree in a park or at a school (Trimble was a teacher). If the decision is to put the tree in a park, this Board would need to accept the donation. This acceptance could be done by email.
9. *Dialogue.* As an informational update, Farnsworth wanted the group to know that as a site plan for the new pool area is developed, it will include adding trees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Art Smith at 12:47 pm.

Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, October 27th, City Hall Training Room

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Smith, Arbor Board Secretary