

City of Pierre
Arbor Board Minutes
Tuesday, September 27, 2022

The September 2022 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at the City Hall Training room. Board Vice Chair Rollie Isaacson called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. Those in attendance were: Board Vice Chair Rollie Isaacson; and Board Members Adam Kulesa, and Mark Smith. Also present were Ex-Officio Members: Parks and Recreation Director Bryan Tipton; and Parks Department Crew Leader Kaden Hight. Also present was Brad Palmer, Pierre Public Works Director.

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022, meeting as presented. The Board voted to approve the proposed meeting agenda as printed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. *EAB Response Plan.* Adam reported that the sub-committee had done some preliminary work, and that the sub-committee will give a report with recommendations at the October Board meeting. One recommendation that will be part of the report is that an updated tree inventory be done.
2. *Community Orchard.* Chairman Smith and Commissioner Johnson have taken the lead on finding a group or groups to take over the general maintenance and care of the orchard. Because neither of them was able to make this month's meeting, their report, and any Board discussion, will be pushed back to the October meeting.

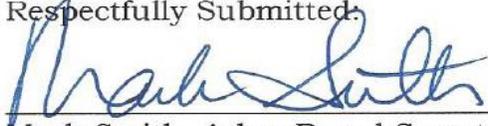
NEW BUSINESS:

3. *Tree Trimming Ordinance.* Director Palmer reviewed the history of the tree trimming ordinance and enforcement process. He also reviewed the possible recommendations that his office could make to the Commission regarding changes to the ordinance, including raising the minimum height over the street from the current 12 feet. There are concurrent discussions going on about possible changes to the landscape ordinance to might involve a point system applicable to the affected landowners. The Director suggested that the tree trimming ordinance and landscape ordinance might be dealt with by the Commission at the same time.
4. *Community Forestry Grant.* The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources has funding available for the UCF Community Forestry Grant Program. The grant applications are due by October 15th, so Director Tipton wanted to discuss what the Board believes to be the best area for which to seek funding. The funding areas that were discussed by the group were using the grant for: tree inventory software; purchasing Arborjet equipment for EAB treatment; training for the parks crew; or new trees. The consensus by the group was that the grant request should seek funding for training the parks crew (first choice) and for new trees (second choice). Tipton will keep the Board informed on the progress of the grant request.

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

Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, October 25th, City Hall Training Room

Respectfully Submitted:



Mark Smith, Arbor Board Secretary