

City of Pierre
Arbor Board Minutes
Tuesday, October 26, 2021

The October 2021 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: Parks and Recreation Director Tom Farnsworth; and Parks Superintendent Tanya Lieberman.

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2021, meeting as presented. The Board voted to approve the proposed meeting agenda as printed.

New Board Member Amanda Martin and new Parks Superintendent Tanya Lieberman were welcomed, and introduced themselves to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. *Fruit Orchard Tour.* The Fall tour this year was held on October 11th at the Community Orchard. The tour was hosted by the Girl Scouts. There was a light turnout for the tour. By way of information, the Girl Scouts will be doing pruning and trimming of the trees later this fall.
2. *Tree Planting Guide Order.* Tom reported that a new order of the Tree Planting Guide was recently received. Two of the places where the Guides are available are at City Hall, and at East Pierre Landscaping.
3. *2022 Arboretum Walking Play.* As a follow up to a discussion at a previous meeting, it was reported that the citizen group heading up this activity is still trying to find a place to stage their walking play. Currently, they are looking at sites near the Ike's property and the Arboretum, but it does not look like it will be on city property. Farnsworth is working with the group on defining the city's responsibilities, if any.
4. *Tree Maintenance Report.* Lieberman gave a short report on current tree maintenance projects.
5. *EAB Response Plan.* At the next meeting, the Board will review the city's EAB Preparedness and Response Plan, which was adopted by the City in 2013. Before the next meeting, everyone on the Board should review the current plan, copies of which were handed out at the meeting, and be ready to discuss any updates or changes that are necessary.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. *Listing of DE Trees to Be Removed.* A written list of Dutch Elm infected American Elm trees was presented to the Board.
7. *Dialogue.*
 - A. There was a brief discussion and update regarding the Dog Park. The trees have been planted. The citizen group spearheading this project are working on obtaining fencing material.
 - B. The city, through the city planner's office, is working with McDonald's Restaurant to make sure McDonald's complies with the city landscape ordinance at their newly remodeled facility. The Board thanks Board Member Tony Dorschner for bringing this issue forward to make sure the city landscape ordinance is being followed.
 - C. A new Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator has been appointed to replace Rachel Ormseth, who was an important part of our Board. The new Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator is John Hartland, who is officed in Sioux Falls. We hope that he can make time to be involved with this Board, either in person or through Zoom.

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

Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, November 23rd, City Hall Training Room

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Smith, Arbor Board Secretary