

City of Pierre
Arbor Board Minutes
Tuesday, November 24, 2020

The November 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 12:02 pm. Those in attendance were: Board Chair Art Smith; and Board Members Adam Kulesa, Rollie Isaacson, Tony Dorschner and Mark Smith. Also present were Ex-Officio Members: Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator Rachel Ormseth (by telephone), Parks and Recreation Director Tom Farnsworth; and Park Superintendent Tom Moore.

Motion by Adam, second by Rollie to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2020, meeting as presented. The motion carried. Motion by Adam, second by Rollie to approve the proposed meeting agenda, with the addition of “Don Trimble Memorial Tree” to Old Business. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. *Tree maintenance and fall tree work update.* Moore reported that 2020 Arboretum maintenance had been completed. Deer-damaged and other dead trees have been removed from the Arboretum. The plants in the pollinator/butterfly garden at the Arboretum have been cut back, and the garden is ready to go in 2021.
2. *Bird seed support from Audubon Society.* Moore reported that the bird seed has been delivered to the shed at the Arboretum.
3. *Bird feeding stations upgrades.* Moore reported that all the bird feeders have been repaired. He further reported that more feeders and some new houses/habitats specific to certain birds will be added as time is available over the winter.
4. *Don Trimble Memorial Tree.* Farnsworth has had contact with Mark Venner, Don Trimble’s high school classmate who is the contact person regarding this memorial tree. They would like to have the tree planted in Steamboat Park. The planting will probably be in the spring. Motion by Rollie, second by Adam to accept the donation of the Don Trimble Memorial Tree. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. *Tree grant for additional dog park trees.* Application has been made for a grant from the state forestry office for new tree plantings at the dog park site. The grant request is for \$2500, and involves 29 new trees. The species for these trees is similar to the 16 trees already planted. The grants will probably be awarded in mid-December.

6. *Bird feeding schedule.* The bird seed is in. Moore has already put out seed. Mark will finish out November and all of December, Rollie will put out seed in January, and Art will take February.
7. *Tree City USA recertification process.* Farnsworth stated that the application is nearly ready to proceed. This year, because of COVID, there is not a requirement for an Arbor Day planting. He indicated that the application will be submitted by the end of the year.
8. *Review Board member terms.* Farnsworth will send out information on the terms of the current board members.
9. *Dialogue.* Although this is a Park Board issue, Farnsworth and Art wanted to update our Board about the disc golf course that is in Steamboat Park. Because of the construction of the water plant and the new Missouri River bridge, many of the holes are (or will be) gone – Art thought there might only be 11 (of 18) holes left. Part of the water plant project involves rebuilding/replacing the amenities lost in Steamboat Park, including replacement of trees, playground, shelters, restrooms, and the disc golf course. A design consultant will be selected in 2021, with the project work hopefully being done in 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Art Smith at 12:55 pm.

Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, January 26th, City Hall Training Room

Respectfully Submitted:



Mark Smith, Arbor Board Secretary