

City of Pierre
Arbor Board Minutes
Tuesday, November 26, 2019

The November 2019 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at the City Hall Prairie meeting room. Chair Art Smith called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. Those in attendance were Board Members: Tony Dorschner and Art Smith. Ex-Officio Members: Vona Johnson, Thomas Moore and Tom Farnsworth. Guests were Dave Krueger, Dan McCormick, Tarrah Sonnenschein and Dawn Tassler.

There was not a quorum of the board so Smith stated some discussion would take place and Farnsworth would take notes for future reference. All agreed to continue.

Old Business:

Dog Park Tree project – those present reviewed a visual plan for planting of trees at the new dog park site. The goals of the spring 2020 tree planting were to create a visual barrier to the residents living nearby, use multiple species of trees, have a staggered spacing when planting and follow a standard of size to be grant eligible for the Urban Forestry grant application the dog park committee is making application for. The grant will allow \$1,000 for tree planting if criteria are met. Tassler and Sonnenschein said they want to follow guidance and recommendations of the board and soon create a flyer where they can begin to market a “sponsor a tree” campaign as a fund raiser for the project. Discussions also took place on timing of the planting, what the park department staff could do and what the volunteer dog park committee would do. Tassler and Sonnenschein thanked everyone and left the meeting feeling good about the status and next steps in their process. It seems this will be a spring planting if trees are ordered and arrive as planned.

Arboretum history, map and trees – those present heard a history of the City Arboretum from Smith and guests McCormick and Krueger. Smith added to the conversation citing the many projects that developed over the years such as the granular surface trail, the kiosk, bird feeding stations, the wedding arbor and now the new pollinator garden. This was all very beneficial and interesting to those new to the board or staff. Krueger thanked the board for asking him for help with the map as he had helped do the last revision with assistance from Paul Beckwith at the state GF&P. It was agreed by all after hearing Krueger’s report the signage should be replaced and an inventory of all needed tree replacements be developed for replanting. Krueger will work with Thomas Moore as needed to continue this research. Smith stated he would look to name a sub-committee to help with the plan and perhaps this could be an Arbor Day 2020 tree planting for the City. More on all this will be developed at future board meetings. Krueger thanked those that helped move and store the bird seed in the shed for winter feeding.

These were the main discussion topics and all adjourned at 1PM.

Submitted by: Tom Farnsworth, Director

Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, January 28th City Hall Prairie room