

Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 4:30 PM

Bjoin Park, Intersection of Grant and Wilson Sts, Stoughton

Members Present: Sid Boersma, Kendall McBroom, Dave Moyer, John Archer and Randy Nelson

Absent & Excused: Robert Kardasz and Kevin Short

Staff: Street Department Secretary Vickie Erdahl

Guests: None

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM by Moyer

- 1) **Communications:** *Nelson* discussed briefly discussed Ord. 78-703 & 718 – Visibility Standards and asked for the issue to be placed on the November agenda to discuss as it limits areas where park row trees can be planted. *McBroom* discussed the carving fundraiser for 2016 as he needed to notify the Chamber of Commerce as they are planning for the 2016 Syttende Mai. *Moyer* suggested a fundraiser on or near Arbor Day – the committee will continue to explore ideas. *Erdahl* stated that the Tower Times would be in a statement about needing an additional person for the Tree Commission board.
- 2) **Forestry Reports:** The Committee was reviewing and discussing the financial report due to the disappointing sales at the carving event. *Nelson* will be checking into payment for the second delivery of boards to the Stoughton High School. *Boersma* questioned whether wood could be sold from the yard waste site to continue the recycling efforts.
- 3) **Crabapple Arboretum Update:** *Moyer* reported that the first (Friends of the arboretum) work day was held on Friday, October 2nd. Eight people were on site where *Moyer* discussed & demonstrated proper techniques for barking trees including handouts. 25 trees were barked properly and two dead trees were removed. A second work day is being arranged for Saturday Nov 7th (10:00 am – 1:00pm) with *Boersma* notifying the Sustainable Stoughton group and *Moyer* notifying the Cummins group.
- 4) **Information for Website:** Tabled to November.
- 5) **Grant – American Transmission Co (ATC):** *Moyer* did not have time to prepare the application for the grant, however, he would like us to start to have some ideas for a 2016 DNR Grant (if still available) and the ATC grant and work on them early in the summer in order to meet the deadlines. *Moyer* suggested that if there was something specific to accomplish that we should try to approach the Bryant Foundation.
- 6) **Tree Planting Lists:** The committee would like to eliminate and add trees from Sec 78-611 – classification of plant species that contractors can use for landscaping points.
Motioned by Boersma, seconded by Archer to direct staff (Urban Forester) to draft and make changes to Sec. 78-611- classifications of plant species and bring to November meeting.
Motioned carried 4-0.
- 7) **Article for Hub:** *Moyer* stated the first article will be about the Heggstad Arboretum which will be ready by November meeting. *Moyer* is also requesting members bring ideas to the November meeting for the articles.

8) **Solar Kiln Plan for Funds & Distribution:** Tabled to November meeting. Members of the committee are requested to review the document and bring forth any suggestions or discussions.

9) **Approval of minutes from September 9, 2015 Meeting:** Motion by Boersma, seconded by Archer to approve the minutes. Carried 4-0.

10) **Tree Budget Information:** Tabled to November

11) **Future Agenda Items:** Triangle Vision Ordinance, Arbor Day Ideas, Hub Article, Solar Kiln, Budget, Website

Motion by Boersma seconded by Archer to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Respectfully submitted 10/20/15, Vickie Erdahl - Staff