



Minutes

October Tree Board Meeting
Parks Building – 500 7th Ave SW
October 5, 2020 - 5:30 PM

Call to Order 5:31pm

Roll Call: Brownell, Fick, Johnson, Lenth, Milks, Scheel

Attending: Brownell, Johnson, Lenth, Milks, Scheel

Absent: Fick

Approval of Minutes

1. Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the August 3rd, 2020 meeting

Motion: Scheel

2nd: Lenth

Aye: All

Nay: None

Fall 2020 Trees Forever Planting

Johnson asked Milks if all properties were ready to go and Milks said that only one property did not get back to him and he had 14 locations for tree planting. Lenth stated that all of his locations are good except two on Lincoln drive that did not get back to him. Fick had submitted his list of 50 locations along 2nd Ave NE at a previous time. Brownell stated that he talked with Grandview nursing home and they would like eight trees along the north side of the property. Scheel had talked with Arlington Place and they would take four trees on their property. Scheel also said that Otter Creek cottages would take six along the east side of their property. Johnson stated that the planting date would be on Oct. 21 at 8am with the 22nd as a rain makeup date. The board will meet at the park maintenance shop at 8am and head out to start planting trees in two groups. Johnson stated that he will set up a time the following week to go around a pull t-posts and conduct trimming of trees planted last year.

EAB discussion

Johnson told the board that they removed ash trees at the pool and eight ash trees in Wings Park. Johnson stated that they took two large ash trees down at Platt Park that were infested. Johnson stated that there are approximately a dozen infested trees near the airplane area at City Park. Lenth stated that the DNR nursery lifted the restrictions on the number of saplings that a person can order. Lenth stated you could now order the exact number of trees you would like.

Board Member Updates

Johnson asked if members had travelled to Cedar Rapids to see the effects of the storm last month. Lenth stated that he had been there and stated that he talked with Shawna Ramsey, the ISU extension director and she estimated they lost approximately 60% of their trees in CR. Lenth stated that he saw in Colorado the devastation of the mountain pine beetle is doing to the area.

Adjournment: 6:17pm

Next Meeting Date: November 2, 2020