



URBAN FOREST AND FLOWER COMMITTEE

Urban Forest and Flower Committee Meeting April 18th, 2024

Call to order:

Mr. Hite @ 2:01 PM

Roll Call:

Board Members – Mike Woolfington, Cameron Arnold, Mike Hite, Bob Yoder, Jim Marquette, Luke Felde, Jodie Overmyer and Steve Listenberger (underline names not in attendance)

Approval of minutes:

Jim M. motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Luke Felde seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Fall tree planting: Luke reported that he had checked all the trees that were planted last fall and all looked like they came through the winter. The spot at near the Peters residence on South Michigan where the blue beech died could still use a tree in the fall, but the location will need to be shifted due to utility placement. Luke said he will take the “sweaters” down off the trees, Mike said the board of works will know about it, and to put it back on them.

Jim M. said there was a tree removal at 218 W. Adams and that a new one could be planted there in the fall. Luke was hoping that a couple of pear trees on Oakhill could be removed and replaced this fall. Jodie agreed with this, as she would like to see ALL pears removed in the city.

New Business:

Jim M. reported that one honey locust had been removed from downtown. Conduit needed to be repaired, and it took 2-3 hours with the excavator. Additional time was spent cutting down the tree, approximately 12-man hours.

Mike H. reported that there won't be an intern until next year for the city. He also said that there will need to be 16 trees in the park, the budget may need to be bumped up to cover them.

Mike H. also that the Blueberry Board would like to have a tree planted in memory of Rick Vanza. It's possible that it could be added to the tree order for fall.

Arbor Day can be honored for Tree City USA by having the student council pick up trash. It isn't necessary to plant a tree. The Daughters of the American Revolution are having a tree planting though.

Other Business: It was mentioned that possibly Andrew Suseland (local forester) could walk through the park and determine the market value of timber.

Adjournment:

Motion: Mr. Arnold

Second: Mr. Yoder

All were in favor @ 2:43 PM

NEXT MEETING: May 15, 2024 @ 2:00 pm.

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