

## **FORESTRY BOARD MINUTES - APRIL 2, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lucy Spickard, Chair; Ellen Welham; Jan Ruzich; Paul Wessel; Erwin Booth; Andrea Hanlon. Quorum was not present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Lucy called the meeting to order at 8:50 AM.

**MARCH MINUTES:** March minutes will be reviewed and approved at the May meeting, as quorum was not present.

**FORESTER REPORT:** Andrea

- There were 48 permits issued in March, 9 of which were for ash trees.
- There were no fines or appeals.

### **ARBOR DAY**

- Lucy reported that although there were 6-8" of snow that day, all roads and the parking lot had been cleared. The program was a huge success, with a standing-room-only attendance of approximately 72 people. All 300 trees had been given away within 22 minutes on Sunday's giveaway.
- Booth and Angie were able to assist the speaker, Barbie Tafel, in synching her computer and the projector. Andrea suggested that future speakers provide a thumb drive backup to avoid similar difficulties.
- Mayor Hewitt signed the Arbor Day Proclamation.
- Emilie Delehanty won the APTA auction item of first choice of trees.
- Barbie Tafel's honorarium will be donated to either Locust Grove or the Glenview Garden Club.
- In the future, when the trees are gone and the giveaway has closed down, a sign should be posted at the site to explain.
- The board discussed the issue of residents' picking up trees for others. It was decided that residents must appear in person to receive their trees.
- Funds received: \$40 (10 tree guards); \$48 (3 hydrators); \$91 (donations).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Andrea reported that the tree donated by Ecotech has been planted on Glenbrook.
- Donnie is working to set up a meeting with Bellewood staff about the Board's possible participation in the installation of the "vine hut" on the Bellewood campus.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**TREE CITY USA & GROWTH AWARD:** Lucy

- The Forestry Board was begun in 1987. We have earned the Tree City USA designation since 1989, and the Growth Award for 8 years.
- The Board discussed whether it is desirable or necessary to continue to expand its programs every year in order to win a Growth Award. Members suggested that maintenance of current programs and trees should take precedence.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORT:** Lucy gave the report.

**ANCHORAGE NEWSLETTER:** Ellen

- Since the April issue reported the success of the Arbor Day program and tree giveaway, it was felt by Board members that no article was necessary for the May issue.
- Ellen will inform Angie so that she can plan the issue.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 7, 2018 - 8:45 AM**