

**ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD**  
**April 1, 2019 City Hall**

**ATTENDEES** Lucy Spickard, Chair; Diane McAllister; Donnie Walker; Jan Ruzich; Renee Major; Nan Dryden, Ellen Welham; Nancy Wilkinson, Adele McCoy, Gary Burkhead.

**CALL TO ORDER** Lucy called the meeting to order at 8:55 AM.

**MINUTES** Minutes for February moved to approve by Nan, second by Ellen, approved unanimously. We did not have a quorum for March, so those notes taken do not need a vote.

**FORESTER REPORT** : Trees removed in March 74 total, of those 5 were Ash. LGE had 2 permits (1 permit for 13 trees, 1 permit for 23 trees). Andrea has been meeting weekly with LGE as they are clearing easements.

**MONTHLY VOLUNTEER HOURS** Lucy is tallying all the volunteer hours

**ARBOR DAY** The Arbor Day program was a success Mar. 20 at 6 PM. All but approx. 25 trees were claimed on Wednesday. The flowering trees were chosen first. (20 Tree guards and 4 gators sold.) The Tree guards were sold out, but there are more locked in storage. Gary can get those out to sell for those who did not get them. Also, the rest of the trees were picked up on Sunday, Mar. 24, at 2:00PM. Gary left Sunday at 4:20 when late comers picked up all trees. Dogwood would be very popular in the future. Some Willow Oaks were the last to be chosen. Next time clarify the Willow Oak is not a willow tree. Tall trees and the Red Maple went really well also. Jan and Gary suggested getting feedback from residents about what they would be interested in next year. Ellen will put it on the newsletter article asking for suggestions for next year to go to Lucy's email address. Next year we need to advertise the Wednesday program is the original give away with leftovers on Sunday. Trees located behind the firehouse. Also, have Angie send out an email blast to advertise. We had over 70 residents in attendance on Wednesday. We had leftovers last year because we didn't have enough flowering trees ordered. This year we had all 272 trees claimed. We want 2 hardwoods, evergreen, and flowering tree. Tulip Poplar, evergreens (Norway Spruce), and the Cherokee Princess dogwood next year, and we may have to go to two nurseries to supply these. Next year suggest 325 trees especially if we do a dogwood.

Two ladies from Indian Hills came to observe and hope to start their own Forestry Program.

**CANOPY CAMPAIGN** (Diane; Nan)

**OLD BUSINESS**

—**Douglass Hill tree museum:** Lucy will visit.

—New Library near the Northeast YMCA has labeled their trees and we may go look at that project.

**Calendar** Lucy reinstating the Forestry Board calendar in its former format, per requests of residents.

**Hazardous Trees** should be finished by the end of the week.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Two trees were cut down at Hobbs to make room for the Sunset Maple tree that was donated to the city of Anchorage from the EchoTech League of Cities event. The tree is doing well.

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

**ANCHORAGE NEWSLETTER** Angie wrote an article about Arbor Day follow up with photos. Renee is talking to a resident who is submitting an article for the newsletter for May. Ellen will ask for suggestions for next years Arbor Day tree offerings.

**ADJOURNMENT** Lucy adjourned the meeting at

**NEXT MEETING** Monday, May 6, 2019, at 8:45 AM

Respectfully submitted by Nan Dryden, Forestry Secretary