

Anchorage Forestry Meeting Feb. 2, 9:02 AM, City Hall

Attendees: Paul Wessel, Ursula Brooks, Ellen Welham, Jim Williams, Don Walker, Connie O'Connell, Nan Dryden, Diane McAllister. (Andrea Hanlon is in the building and will stop in.)

Budget: Diane will check with city treasurer to see if the printer's bill has arrived for the calendars. No other bills are pending.

Calendar: Calendar format was not popular this year. Lucy has taken extras around to clubs, the school, etc.. Will discuss options when Lucy can attend.

Arbor Day/Spring Tree: The total number of trees ordered is 175. Andrew Berry from Bernheim Forest will be speaking. Jim will discuss possible topics with him. Trees are all approved by Andrea: Heritage birch, Kousa dogwood, Kwanzan cherry, Maple, Allegheny Serviceberry, Katsuras,. Jim could not get all the dogwoods he wanted because of a shortage. We have funds to pay the speaker. Our dates are March 25 and 29.

Hazardous Trees: Pending Forester's report?

Growth Award: Pending update from Lucy.

Old Business: none

New business:

Calendar Scrap Book: Ursula has been working on putting old calendars in scrap books. It may be cost prohibitive to continue. Discussion followed. Motion by Nan to discontinue the calendar scrap book project, seconded by Paul, and approved by all.

City Arborist Duties: At behest of the Mayor the Forestry Board was asked to give input into the contract for the Arborist.

1. We would like for her to attend our monthly meetings.
2. We would like timely advice and information from the Arborist, and an occasional educational program.

Connie recommended we ask for advice on our list of trees for programs and for Forester to attend as many meetings as possible. It is difficult to amend the ordinance. Much discussion. Diane will make suggestions to City Council tonight.

Forester's Report: 9:45 AM

--Hazardous trees have been marked and Kentucky Tree won the bid. This contract goes before city council tonight. (There are 26 hazardous trees this year.)

--Motion made by Nan that we start Forestry Meetings at 8:45, and put Forester's Report first on our agenda. Motion seconded by Paul, and unanimously approved.

--Andrea will put the Forestry Meeting first on her list of appointments the first Monday of the month. She also agreed to give some educational programs at different times during the year.

--Andrea will give an Emerald Ash borer update, and information on the Asian long-horned beetle at the March meeting at 9:00 AM.

--Andrea will do an educational program on pruning for the April meeting at 9:00 AM.

Diane will pass notices about these 15-20 min. Educational Programs for inclusion in the Anchor Age.

Meeting Adjourned 9:55 AM

Next meeting: March 2, 2015, 8:45 AM