

**ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
FEBRUARY 1, 2021 - via Zoom**

ATTENDEES Lucy Spickard, Chair; Donnie Walker; Nancy Wilkinson; Adele McCoy; Ellen Welham; Diane McAllister; Paul Wessel; Jan Ruzich; Andrea Hanlon, City Forester; Jason Walters, City Council; Reneé Major, City Administrator; Gary Burkhead, Director of Public Works; Amanda Skinger, guest

CALL TO ORDER Lucy called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

MINUTES Paul noted a typographical error in the January, 2021, minutes: In the heading "Leaf removal and wood chipping," the third sentence should be corrected to read "Paul will contact Lyndon's contractor for additional information" instead of "Paul will contract..." The minutes are amended with the correction. Paul moved that the January minutes be approved as amended; Jan seconded. The minutes were approved as amended.

FORESTER REPORT (Andrea)

Permits: Six permits were submitted in January. The total number of trees included was 27, of which 2 were ash, and of which 19 were on a single property.

Fines and appeals: There were no fines or appeals in January.

Status of City issues:

- Andrea discussed the hazardous trees project of LG&E and commended LG&E for working well with the City.
- Andrea discussed the City's monitoring of tree removal on two construction sites.
- Andrea informed the Board of the Tree City USA's annual conference, this year to be virtual, on February 10, 17, and 24, from 12:00-2:15 ET. Any forestry committee or community members of Tree City USA cities may attend. There is no cost. Andrea will share details with Lucy.

HAZARDOUS TREES (Gary) Work will begin on hazardous trees this week. Weather has slowed progress on the project. Fortunately, few trees or branches were downed by the snow.

ARBOR DAY

Program: For safety reasons, we will not hold an in-person program, but instead will encourage residents to view children's activities and informative videos at the Arbor Day Foundation website: <https://www.arborday.org/kids/> and <https://www.arborday.org/trees/video-library.cfm>.

Tree Giveaway: The giveaway will be conducted from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, and Thursday, March 18. Residents will be asked to call City Hall to schedule pickup times.

Flyer for *The Anchor Age*: Jan will create the flyer describing the trees offered and a request form to be given to Public Works staff when residents arrive to pick up trees.

Banner: Paul will arrange for the banner.

OLD BUSINESS

Leaf pickup and chipping review (Paul): Prior to the meeting, Paul had circulated a summary of his findings regarding several small cities' leaf pickup programs. He is awaiting further discussion with Jeff Miller (Miller Mowing) about his contract with Lyndon. Nancy suggested we consider a voluntary leaf collection program whereby multiple individual residents could contract with a single company for service at a discounted rate. We will postpone making any recommendation until at least next month.

NEW BUSINESS There was no new business.

CALENDAR PROJECT All of the 2021 calendars have been distributed. Lucy thanked Jan for her work on the calendar and for ordering the appropriate number of calendars.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT Lucy gave the City Council report.

ANCHOR AGE NEWSLETTER - March 2021 (Ellen)

Announcements regarding Arbor Day Event:

- Online options in lieu of an in-person program
- Instructions for the Tree Giveaway
- Tree flyer and residents' tree request form (Jan)

ADJOURNMENT Lucy adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

NEXT MEETING Monday, March 1, 2021; 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Welham