

**ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD  
FEBRUARY 7, 2022 - CITY HALL**

**ATTENDEES** Chair Jan Ruzich, Nancy Wilkinson, Paul Wessel, Ellen Welham, City Council Liaison Jason Walters, City Administrator Reneé Major, City Forester Andrea Hanlon, Tyleen Stoutt, David George

**CALL TO ORDER** Jan called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES** Copies of the January 2022 minutes were distributed for review. Approval will be delayed until the March meeting, as not enough members who had attended the January meeting were present.

**FORESTER REPORT** - Andrea Hanlon

- **Permits:** There were 5 permits in January for removal of 14 trees of which one was an Ash.
- **Fines and appeals:** There were no fines in January. Andrea reported that there was one fine in December for failure to file a tree removal permit.

**ARBOR DAY 2022 (March 23: Program and tree giveaway; March 27: Giveaway of remaining trees)**

- The speaker will be Dr. Aruni Bhatnagar of the U of L Christina Brown Envirome Institute. Ellen will relay to his assistant that we would like to hear his presentation on "Nature, Health, and Well-being," originally slated for the canceled 2020 Arbor Day program.
- Jan will look into a backup location at the school for a large group meeting. She will let Ellen know if any larger spaces at the school could be available. Ellen will communicate with Dr. Bhatnagar's assistant about his preferences regarding a large-group venue and any technology needs for the presentation.
- In the interest of pandemic safety at the program, we will request that attendees wear masks, and we will not serve refreshments.
- The trees for the giveaway will be delivered on March 21.
- Jan will prepare the flyer for the March newsletter with photos and descriptions of trees to be offered.
- Paul will secure the banner.
- Reneé suggested that, in celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> year of the Tree City USA program, we give away 150 tree fertilizer spikes at the program. The cost is \$92 for a bag of 160 spikes; Reneé will order them. We will place each in a small bag, tie with twine, and attach a card explaining the significance.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Nancy and Board member Lucy Spickard will work on ideas for the post office landscape plan.
- Lucy and Jan will meet to develop an article about invasive bamboo.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Jan circulated the sign-up sheet for 2022 Board committees.
- Reneé explained that although the City did not win one of the trees donated by Ecotech, LLC at the Jefferson County League of Cities' annual dinner, we were offered one of the unclaimed trees. Andrea has recommended a Sun Valley red maple, has selected the location for planting, and will coordinate the planting with Ecotech's planter. The tree will be planted between Evergreen and Glenbrook in the area between Rt. 146 and the CSX tracks.
- Reneé explained the work that will be done by AT&T to install 5G fiber optic cable.

**TREE CITY USA and GROWTH AWARD**

- We have received our recognition.
- Additional communication with the Arbor Day Foundation is being completed.

**THE ANCHOR AGE NEWSLETTER (March 2022)** - Ellen Welham

- The March newsletter article will focus on Arbor Day.
- Jan will prepare an insert with photos and descriptions of the trees to be given away.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORT** Jan gave the City Council report.

**ADJOURNMENT** Jan adjourned the meeting at 9:45 AM.

**NEXT MEETING: 8:45 AM, Monday, March 7, 2022**

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Welham