

## **Anchorage Forestry Jan. 8 City Hall 8:50 AM**

**Attendees:** Lucy Spickard, Andrea Hanlon, Erwin Booth, Ann Stivers, Renee' Major, Diane McAllister, Ursula Brooks, Ellen Welham, and Nan Dryden.

**Minutes:** December minutes moved to approve by Diane, seconded by Nan, and unanimously approved.

**Forester Report:** There were 14 trees permitted for removal in Dec., and 5 of those were Ash. There were 0 fines or appeals.

**Wagner Park:** Connie O'Connell, City Council person asked for swings for Wagner Park, but the Civic Club was not interested because they do not think it is a wise investment. Park benches will be moved closer to the road in the spring.

**Hazardous Trees:** List of 40 hazardous trees this year. Podges is the winner of the bids to remove. They have done the removal for the past 2 years.

**Canopy Campaign:** Meeting next month after the Forestry Meeting in Feb. to review Ellen's suggestions for the Canopy Campaign improvements moving forward.

**Arbor Day & Spring tree give-away:** Barbie Tafel is the speaker, Wednesday, March 21 at 6:00PM. Diane will have the trees delivered March 19 around 10 AM.

**Old Business:** Nancy is doing an assessment of the condition of the trees in the right-of-way near the RR tracks on Ridge Rd.

### **New Business:**

—Welcome Jan Ruzich to the Forestry Board.

—Thank you to Angie, Booth, Sarah, and Renee' for supporting the Forestry Board.

—New signup going around for Chairpersons for 2018 Forestry programs.

—Looking for places to plant Autumn Blaze Maple Tree won at Ecotech. Andrea suggested Glenbrook Rd. and Hazelwood Rd. common area, close to Ursula Brooks's House. Andrea will contact Connor Shade 548-9548 to arrange planting when weather permits.

—Willow Lake is frozen and Jim Williams has taken some photos.

**Growth Award:** Renee' has written up and submitted the Growth Award for 2017. There were \$6,771.00 worth of volunteer hours by the Forestry Board. In 2017 the Forestry Board is responsible for 371 trees planted, 122 trees were permitted for removal by residents. The City removed 28 hazardous trees. We had several new projects that were successful, for example, recycled calendars with Bellewood art project, calendars as planners, etc. We will put a summary article in the newsletter after we receive the Growth Award.

**Future Projects for Growth Award:** Lucy is interested in inventorying the tree canopy of Anchorage in smaller areas to begin, for example, Wagner Park. The software iTreetools is a tool to inventory trees. We have tracked Ash trees in Anchorage over the past few years. Perhaps we can get a grant and help from students to work on the inventory, tree registry, etc. The inventory will be of common areas and right-of-way areas so we can get an idea of what trees are best for the canopy campaign and Arbor Day Tree Give-Away. Lucy will call UK and ask Sarah to look into this.

**Yew Dell Membership:** Forestry Board is now a member of Yew Dell Gardens.

**Uspiritus:** Nancy and Jan will do the Fall Festival craft booth at Bellewood again representing the Forestry Board. Donnie will ask if there are opportunities to interact and have Forestry Board programs in 2018.

**Hobbs Chapel Bench** circa 1860, has been refurbished by Bill Wetherton, and moved from Hobbs chapel to the current location in front of City Hall. It is the object of the Louisville Stoneware gift plate given by the City for 2017.

**City Council:** Tree removal bid was approved and awarded to Podges.

**Anchor Age Newsletter** articles by Ellen. Save the Date for Arbor Day, Welcome to Forestry Board to Jan Ruzich, and may include a picture.

**Meeting Adjourned 9:30 AM.** Next meeting: Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, 8:45 AM.

**Minutes respectfully submitted** by Nan Dryden, Forestry Secretary.