

ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
JANUARY 7, 2019 - CITY HALL

ATTENDEES Lucy Spickard, Chair; Diane McAllister; Donnie Walker; Erwin Booth; Jan Ruzich; Renee Major; Ellen Welham; Andrea Hanlon

CALL TO ORDER Lucy called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

MINUTES The November 2018 minutes were approved (quorum was not present at December meeting).

FORESTER REPORT There were 8 permits issued in December; 2 were for ash trees.

One fine has been appealed and settled. Reneé reported that a "Bracken's Brown Beauty" Magnolia will be ordered and planted at Wagner Park (when weather permits) in honor of Brian Rublein's years of service as a member of City Council. The police station and cell tower areas are ready to plant; planting will occur in the spring.

MONTHLY VOLUNTEER HOURS Lucy has requested that members and associate members inform her monthly of their volunteer hours, at least for 2019, so that she has a better idea of the total as we approach the annual Tree City USA application. The information can be emailed to Lucy when she sends each monthly agenda.

CANOPY CAMPAIGN (Diane; Nan) Planting was delayed until mid-December because of weather. A problem with a planting location is being resolved: the Forester and Diane will meet with the homeowners to find a suitable location for the tree; if the negotiations fail, the tree will be reclaimed by the City and will be planted at City Hall.

ARBOR DAY (Nan, Diane, Nancy, Jim, Renee, Paul, Lucy) The program will be presented by Tavia Cathcart-Brown, Executive Director at Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve, on Mar. 20 at 6 PM. It will include an introduction to the preserve and a discussion of monarch butterflies. Jan and Ellen will provide refreshments. Residents attending the program may receive their trees at the giveaway immediately after the program; others may receive their trees on Sunday, Mar. 24, from 2-4 PM. Specific plans will be completed at the February meeting. Specific information and the tree flyer (to be developed by Lucy) will be included in the March issue of *The Anchor Age*.

OLD BUSINESS

Station Road Triangle Diane Cook has put a hold on the planting. Moving of power lines is under consideration.

Article Resident David Naselsker would like to contribute two articles for *The Anchor Age* about invasive plant species (e.g., burning bush, honeysuckle, Bradford Pear) and about a plant-identification "app." Andrea will review them and suggest additions.

Open Board positions Ursula Brooks has resigned from the Board. There are two open positions.

Calendar Lucy would like to reinstate the Forestry Board calendar in its former format, per requests of residents.

NEW BUSINESS

Book Lucy showed a copy of *The Hidden Life of Trees*, by Peter Wohlleben, a German author and forester. Five copies will be ordered for Board members and others to circulate.

Winter Bowl (4:30; Jan. 13) Jan will contribute Croatian sauerkraut from a family recipe. She and Lucy will serve it at Winter Bowl.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT Lucy gave the report.

ANCHORAGE NEWSLETTER (Ellen) The February issue will include a "save the date" item about Arbor Day.

ADJOURNMENT Lucy adjourned the meeting at 10:20 AM.

NEXT MEETING Monday, February 4, 2019, at 8:45 AM

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Welham for Nan Dryden, Forestry Secretary