

## **Anchorage Forestry Board Meeting**

**Date: June 4, 2018**

**City Hall**

Call to order: 8:50

Attendees: Lucy Spickard, Paul Wessel, Diane McAllister, Ann Stivers, Reneé Major, Andrea Hanlon, Nancy Wilkinson

Minutes from May were approved and seconded

Agenda:

City Forester report: Andrea—34 Tree removal permits, 4 were ash. No fines or appeals

Status of City issues: Wagner Park: Connie O'Connell

Croquet Event: ?

Hobbs Chapel: Hobbs Chapel had much damage due to wind storm. Maintenance will evaluate and trim damaged limbs and discussed future tree planting.

City Council has suggested we survey triangles and other common areas and evaluate a plan to clean and improve these areas.

Canopy Campaign: There was much discussion as to whether the canopy program should be moved to the spring as some species of Oaks seem to do better if planted in the spring. The advice was that generally speaking, trees' survival rate is better if planted in the fall. The recommendation was to offer more Oaks in the Spring Tree Give-Away. Our supplier for spring will be contacted to see what the availability of Oaks for spring might be. The suggestion was also to consider more Beeches in our programs.

Old Business: There was a discussion about the Vine Hut project at Bellewood. An anonymous donor contributed \$250 towards this project and another donor has offered to match that amount. Bill Wetherton has been contacted to assist and advise in the plans of building an arbor for this project.

New Business: Calendar Project: After much discussion, the decision was to not do a calendar this next year as many receive calendars from many local businesses. The Board will wait to see what the response will be from the residents.

Police station is in need of new landscaping and Andrea will advise as to what may be suitable when the time comes. Nancy Wilkinson has offered to work with Andrea.

Ridge Road is in need of some clean-up in certain areas especially with Katsura. Nancy Wilkinson has taken on this challenge to address issues. There is much concern about the spread of honeysuckle and burning bushes. A local resident has offered to write an article about these two aggressive plants.

There has been much discussion about the use of a chipper. The maintenance department has one but cannot legally allow residents to use it. Suggestion was to contact companies with chippers to arrange service.

There was a report of a "flasher" on the Anchorage Trail but was not true.

Anchorage police are working with Anchorage school to discuss safety issues of students and how to be better prepared. Recent school shootings have caused great concern for many and want to address this issue.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:10 am

Next Meeting: July 2, 2018 8:45 am