

**ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
6 MARCH 2017**

ATTENDEES: Lucy Spickard, Diane McAllister, Ellen Welham, Jan Rusich, Andrea Hanlon, Renee Major, Connie O'Connell, Paul Wessel. Quorum not present.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:45 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Since there was not a quorum, approval of February minutes will be postponed to the April meeting.

FORESTER REPORT - Andrea Hanlon

- There were 31 permits in February; 5 were for ash trees.
- There are no outstanding fines or appeals.
- Andrea discussed the new "donut" tree gators that are available.
- As City Council liaison, Connie reported regarding Wagner Park: The bench will need to be reordered from another company. There is no tree appropriate for a rope swing. The signs will be installed soon.

ARBOR DAY (Program - Mar. 22, 6 PM; Tree Giveaway - Mar. 26, 2-4 PM)

- The banner and permits have been completed; the banner will be put up on Mar. 8. The cost was \$66.72.
- Andrea will call to verify the tree delivery, expected on Mon., March 20. The \$4,350.00 bill for the trees has been paid.
- Program improvements and updates will apply to the 2017 Growth Award application.
- Information and tree descriptions were presented in the March newsletter at the cost of \$98.
- Additional trees over the allotted 3 per household may be purchased -- at Sunday's giveaway only -- for \$20 each. Checks should be made out to "City of Anchorage."
- Nan obtained four cards at \$5 each from the Arbor Day Foundation's Give-A-Tree program to be shown at the program and awarded by lottery to Wednesday's attendees. (Proceeds for the purchase of each card goes toward planting a tree in the recipient's honor in a national forest.) She will create information handouts about the card program. Donnie will draw four numbers corresponding to names on the sign-in sheet and announce winners of the cards.
- Jan will create a poster about the values of trees.
- Donnie has purchased yard signs with Arbor Day information for \$28.
- We will give an honorarium of \$100 to the speaker, Erin Thompson. Lucy will ask her to whom the check should be written.
- Lucy will ask Erin Thompson what equipment is needed for her presentation.
- The trees will be delivered on Monday, March 20. Booth will call volunteers when a delivery time is determined. Board members volunteered to unload the trees.
- Board members volunteered for the program set-up and the giveaway on March 22, and for the giveaway on March 26. Lucy will email Board members asking for more volunteers.
- Program details and arrangements were discussed.
- Tree guards will be sold at the giveaway for \$4 each; gators for \$16 each.
- Renee will arrange to enlarge and print the Anchorage Arbor Day proclamation and will arrange for the mayor to sign it.

CALENDAR - Lucy, Jan

- Lucy has received no pictures so far of Anchorage barns as requested in the newsletter.
- Board members suggested residents to contact. Lucy and Jan will seek permission to photograph their barns.

GROWTH AWARD; TREE CITY USA AWARD - Lucy reported that Anchorage has won the Growth Award for the 7th year and the Tree City USA Award for the 28th year.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT - Lucy gave the City Council report.

ANCHORAGE NEWSLETTER - Ellen

- Information to be included in the April newsletter: Arbor Day, Growth and Tree City USA Awards, planting and caring for new trees, purchase of tree guards and gators.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.

NEXT MEETING: Mon., April 3, 2017; 8:45 AM