

## **FORESTRY BOARD - MINUTES MARCH 5, 2018**

**Members present** - Diane McAllister, Ellen Welham, Nancy Wilkinson, Jim Williams, Donnie Walker, Ann Stiver, Renee Major, Jan Ruzich, Andrea Hanlon

**Call to order** - Diane, acting as Chair in Lucy Spickard's absence, called the meeting to order at 8:50 AM.

**February minutes** - Jan moved to approve the February minutes; Ellen seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Forestry Report** - Diane, Renee

Five tree-removal permits were issued in February; zero for ash trees. No fines or appeals. Renee reported there were no issues concerning Wagner Park.

**Arbor Day** - Program with speaker Barbie Tafel: March 21 at 6 PM; Tree-giveaway: March 21 following the program and March 25 from 2-4 PM

Plans were finalized. Paul has obtained the banner and permit. The 300 trees ordered from Bouldin Nursery will be delivered on Mon. morning, March 19; total cost for the trees is approximately \$3500. Members signed up for volunteer spots, including in a new category for assisting residents in line at the giveaway.

**Program:** Set-up for the evening program will begin at 5 PM. Booth will set up the computer and screen. Jan will obtain refreshments. Renee will arrange for printing of the Arbor Day proclamation and invite the mayor. Tree-care pamphlets will be displayed and made available to residents. We will give one ticket per property to residents as they sign in at the program to ensure that only those who attend receive trees on that evening.

**Giveaway:** The flyer showing trees to be offered was included in the March *Anchor Age*; Renee will make more copies for the program dates, and Jan will enlarge the flyer for display at the giveaway. The giveaway will be conducted as in the past with the exception of several changes to expedite the process. Jan will work on improving the efficiency of the giveaway set-up. At the giveaway, each resident will be given an order form listing the trees offered; Lucy will create the forms. Lucy will obtain the cash box.

**Old business** - Renee reported that the planting of the tree donated by Ecotech has been delayed. It will be planted in the island at the corner of Hazelwood and Glenbrook.

**New business** - Donnie explained several outdoor art/activity installations being planned at Bellewood. He, Jan, and Renee will meet with Bellewood staff members to discuss the Forestry Board's possible involvement in the creation of a "vine hut"; Nancy will attend if possible. The group will report to the Board at the April meeting, at which time the Board's involvement will be determined.

**City Council report** - Renee gave the report.

**Anchor Age Newsletter** - Ellen

The April article will include a review of the Arbor Day program (as projected) and a reminder to residents to purchase tree guards.

**Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

**Next meeting** - Monday, April 3, 2018 at 8:45 AM