

May 3, 2010 Minutes

Attendees: Sally, Ann, Jim, Andrea, Diane, Ward Deter, Liz, Sherri

Minutes: April minutes were read and approved

Budget: As the City's June 30 year end is approaching, Diane briefly went over some budget number requests for the next fiscal year. The biggest expense is the City Forester's salary. The item for Nursery and Seedlings will in the future be Spring Tree Replacement Program of which a request of at least \$2000 was made. The calendar for 2010 cost was \$3,094 as compared with the budgeted amount of \$1500. Other items for budget hopefully will remain comparable to last year.

The Forestry Board's CD was renewed at Commonwealth because they offered a rate of 1.5%, which was comparable to other institutions and will mature in June, 2011.

Calendar Project: Liz is taking photos for the 2011 calendar. Also, Jim spoke with Drew Holdaway, who is taking photos along the path for possible inclusion, especially shots involving wildlife. Jim was asked to get bids on the printing for the 2011 calendar which he has presented.

Nursery: Spring Replacement Program: The Board discussed the obstacles encountered in the recently completed program. The major problem involved the flags not being placed in a timely manner to show the anticipated planting site. This, of course, prevented "Call before you dig" from marking the area around it to show the presence of underground utilities. The suggestion was made to require the homeowner to come to City Hall at designated times to pick up the tree flags. A Forestry Board Member or Members will be available at City Hall to give homeowners the flags and appropriate needed information. This time could be used as emphasizing the need to place flags promptly. If flags were not placed in a timely manner, the homeowner will forfeit the trees being planted by the contractor engaged by the Forestry Board. There would be no refunds for

cost of trees or the planting. More discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Hazard Trees: Most hazard trees have been removed although stumps are left to be ground.

Arbor Day: Diane will talk with Andrea as to a good date for the 2011 Arbor Day Program. Last year \$290 was spent on a new banner and other expenses for the program. The topic for this year will be discussed at the next few meetings. Many suggestions were made and are being considered.

Anchorage Pride: The triangles and other City properties are in good shape. Approximately 20 trees have been planted in the triangles and on City properties.

Canopy Campaign: Andrea will get catalogs from growers to determine availability of trees and pricing. Possibly 15-20 trees will be identified and then approximately 6-8 trees will be chosen for residents to choose from.

Anchor-Age: Water all newly planted trees even though we have had rain. If residents missed the last tree program, watch for the Fall program with details to follow late summer.

Old Business: None

New Business: Because the City's Tree Permit requires that a resident removing any trees must replace each tree removed within one year, Diane suggested that some follow-up be undertaken concerning the number of trees removed the past year, starting in January 2009- January 2010. If trees have not been replaced, information about tree programs could be given to homeowners to encourage replacement. Sally was asked to seek help from other members and make a list of those residents who have had Tree Permits the past suggested year for removal of 3 or more trees so a follow up can be made to see if residents have replaced the trees as agreed upon when submitting the permit.

Next Meeting: July 5, 2010 at 9:30 A.M.

