

**ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD**  
**May 5, 2020 Remote Meeting via ZOOM**

**ATTENDEES** Lucy Spickard, Chair; Diane McAllister, Ellen Welham, Nan Dryden, Jan Ruzich, Adele McCoy, Nancy Wilkinson, Jason Walters and Renee' Major.

**CALL TO ORDER** Lucy called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

**MINUTES** Motion to approve Feb. minutes by Ellen, seconded by Nan, and unanimously approved. We will approve March minutes in June. No meeting April because of COVID. Today's meeting is via Zoom.

**FORESTER REPORT** Andrea not attending today. Lucy reports: March had 36 permits, 3 of those were Ash. April had 59 tree permits, 8 of which were Ash. (Ten of the trees were mature pine trees around a pool, and another permit was for several trees, some of which were dead, to clear an area in a yard for children's soccer field.)

**City Update:** The trees and shrubs are ordered for landscape around the cell tower. New shrubs are around the flag pole, and the City Council approved extension of Old Harrods Creek walking path connecting to Beech Road. Plans for Osage Road walking path in the future. Tax payments currently being collected at City Hall in a basket.

**HAZARDOUS Trees:** City is on track for Hazardous Tree removals this spring.

**ARBOR DAY 2020** program cancelled. Next year, March 17, 2021, Lucy rescheduled our Arbor Day presenter. Lucy will arrange at Civic Club Anchorfest, a collection of book donations for the Forestry Library.

**TREE GIVEAWAY 2020:** City Maintenance organized a drive thru procedure which went very well. All trees were claimed. Thank you to Renee', Angie, and all Maintenance Staff for the work they put in to this.

**OLD BUSINESS**

-Tree Dedication for Booth will be rescheduled for Fall 2020.

**NEW BUSINESS**

-**Tree Pruning** education may be needed. No more than 25% of the crown should be removed at once, and less than 25% of a mature tree. We have pamphlets at City Hall from Arbor Day Foundation. This info can come from Andrea as Forester in an article in the newsletter.

-**Received** our 31st year of the Tree USA award, 10th year of Growth Award, and the Sterling Award for receiving 10 years of Growth Award.

-**Calendar 2021**, Jan will work on collecting photos. Ann Stivers has some photos of gardens. Jan will work on collecting photos. Spent \$1195.00 in 2020, budgeted \$1400.00 for 2021.

-**Budget 2021:** Spring Tree Giveaway, \$4600; Merchandise (doughnuts, tree guards we resell) \$750; Arbor Day \$350, of which \$100 goes to AD speaker; Calendar \$1400; Canopy \$6000; Misc. \$100.

-Diane will talk to Andrea about ideas for a tree for beautification of the former location of the Anchor.

-**Canopy Campaign:** Diane begins search for tree list from nurseries in July to prepare for October Campaign and planting by Thanksgiving 2020.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORT** Lucy gave the report.

**ANCHORAGE NEWSLETTER** : Pruning tips by Andrea. Photo of Sterling Award.

**ADJOURNMENT** Lucy adjourned the meeting at 9:55 AM.

**NEXT MEETING** Monday, June 1, 2020, at 8:45 AM. Either at City Hall or remote.

Respectfully submitted by Nan Dryden, Forestry Secretary