

**ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
MAY 3, 2021 - CITY HALL**

ATTENDEES Lucy Spickard, Chair; Jan Ruzich; Nancy Wilkinson; Ellen Welham; Paul Wessel; Adele McCoy; Donnie Walker; Reneé Major, City Administrator; Gary Burkhead, Director of Public Works; Andrea Hanlon, City Forester

CALL TO ORDER Lucy called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

APRIL MINUTES Jan moved to approve the April minutes; Nancy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

FORESTER REPORT (Andrea Hanlon)

April permits There were 8 permits for a total of 12 trees, of which 5 were Ash trees.

April fines and appeals There were no fines or appeals.

Status of City issues - Wagner Park (Gary Burkhead) Public Works completed mulching and cut the grass at Wagner Park before the Civic Club's Spring Fling event. The grass has been cut again since the event.

Other concerns Andrea reported that LG&E was asked to return to remove several trees that were to have been removed a year ago, and the work has been completed.

HAZARDOUS TREES (Gary Burkhead) All of the hazardous trees are down; the stumps will be removed at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS

Chipping program (Paul Wessel) Paul had previously emailed to Board members a summary of his findings regarding the City of Goshen's chipping program. He and the Board felt that a similar program would be difficult to operate in Anchorage because of the large number of trees, large lots, and residents' need to dispose of branches on a frequent basis. Several ideas were suggested to make chipping or wood disposal available to residents. Reneé suggested that, in lieu of chipping, the City might provide a dumpster after a storm for residents' downed wood. Gary will contact Podges Landscaping and Tree Service to discuss the feasibility of the City's establishing an agreement with Podges to provide chipping as needed after storms. The Board will continue discussion at the June meeting.

Civic Club's Spring Fling Food truck and car parking locations were managed satisfactorily at the event to protect trees and the lawn: the food trucks parked on the tennis court, and car parking was perpendicular.

Ceremony for tree dedication to Erwin Booth Plans for the 10 AM ceremony and reception were reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Area on Ridge Road across from Post Office Reneé, Gary, Diane, Nancy, and Lucy met with Gregg Bennett, landscape architect with The Kleingers Group. Discussion and review of the findings will be discussed at the June meeting.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT (Lucy Spickard) Lucy gave the report.

ANCHORAGE NEWSLETTER (Ellen Welham) Items for the June issue will include a review of the tree dedication event for Erwin Booth; expression of thanks to Scott Ochsner, departing member of Public Works staff, for his assistance with Forestry projects; and a reminder to protect young trees from the cicadas expected this summer.

ADJOURNMENT Paul moved to adjourn the meeting; Jan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM. After the meeting, Forestry Board members set up for and attended the tree dedication ceremony.

NEXT MEETING: 8:45 AM, Monday, June 7, 2021, inside City Hall