

**ANCHORAGE FORESTRY BOARD
MAY 2, 2022 - CITY HALL**

ATTENDEES Chair Jan Ruzich, Adele McCoy, Lucy Spickard, Ellen Welham, Nancy Wilkinson, City Administrator Reneé Major, Director of Public Works Gary Burkhead, Tyleen Stoutt

CALL TO ORDER Jan called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM.

REVIEW OF MINUTES Copies of the April minutes were distributed. Lucy made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Adele seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

FORESTER REPORT

Permits There were 10 permits in April for removals of 38 trees, of which 4 were Ash trees.

Fines and appeals There were no fines or appeals.

ARBOR DAY FOLLOW-UP City Forester Andrea Hanlon will check with nurseries about trees that may be available next year.

OLD BUSINESS

Park Road area project (Lucy, Jan, Nancy, Reneé) Attempts to schedule a meeting with the landscape architect have to date been unsuccessful. If necessary, other options may be explored.

Invasive plants (Lucy, Jan) Lucy presented a summary of the report given to City Council on issues concerning running and clumping bamboo and the Board's request for a relevant ordinance amendment.

NEW BUSINESS

Forestry Handbook Jan discussed the Forestry Board's Handbook on the City's website. Future newsletter articles may draw residents' attention to its availability and topics.

Attendance at local events Jan encouraged Board members to attend City events.

Memorial donation Lucy made a motion to donate \$100 in memory of an associate Board member's daughter to the family's charity of choice. Adele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREE CITY USA / GROWTH AWARD

Events completed year-to-date The Board reviewed events completed this year: Arbor Day program, tree giveaway, giveaway of evergreen fertilizer spikes.

Criteria for points Lucy explained that monthly newsletter articles earn points toward the Growth Award if they provide new information.

Discussion of activities Suggestions for new activities were inventorying and labeling of trees at Wagner Park, guided walking tours of Wagner Park and Hobbs Chapel, tour of Cave Hill Cemetery and Arboretum.

2023 CALENDAR PROJECT (Jan)

Student art work Jan and Tyleen will visit the school's May 11th art show to determine whether there is student art work appropriate for the calendar.

Alternate theme An alternate theme may be monthly educational information about tree care.

THE ANCHOR AGE NEWSLETTER (Ellen) The June article will highlight the Forestry Handbook on the City's website and introduce a continuing series covering its topics.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT Jan gave the report.

ADJOURNMENT Jan adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 6, 8:45 AM, City Hall

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Welham