

CITY OF DELAFIELD TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Call Tree Board Meeting to Order
Brabson called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call for the Monday, August 24, 2020 Tree Board meeting:

Present

Dave Brabson, Chair
Pat Barwig
Mike Byrnes
Tim Turnock
Sherrie Flemming
Matt Grimmer, Ald.
Jim Reiher
Sean Heinzl, City Forester
Mary Green, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Absent

1. Approve Tree Board minutes of [June 6, 2020](#).

BARWIG MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 6, 2020 TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. REIHER SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

2. City of Delafield Citizen's Comments.

Tim Aicher, 211 E Laurel Circle – spoke on item 3.c. There are a few things that should be considered. The property owners that abut the plantings should be contacted. The property that is abutting most of the land in question is the Gehl farm. They should be notified appropriately in case the trees would affect their use of the land. Also, there might be a path around that Mission Avenue stretch along the east of the Gehl farm. Make sure that we are not planting trees where a path might go. Some residents have asked for trees to be planted at the intersection of Seminary Ridge and Mission Road.

(Clerk's note: Aicher submitted a map of this location and this will be added to the end of these minutes.)

There was no one else present wishing to speak at this time; therefore, Citizen's Comments were closed.

3. Unfinished Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on plantings at Bleeker Street using the Tree Fund.

This relates to the shoreline at the end of the parking lot. It needs some sort of plantings to continue shoreline restoration. Possibly brush instead of trees. Potentially use Tree Fund for this or move unused funds from the Oak Street plantings. Reiher explained the Bleeker Street invasive species were removed by DPW and now there is a clearer view of the lake. He suggested planting prairie plants to preserve the openness. City Forester Heinzl recommended something similar to the Bark River restoration. He also suggested one shade tree to go near the picnic table. They discussed if they would sub the work out or possibly use volunteers. They could get volunteers to split plants to place there. Mary Daniel volunteered to split the black-eyed susans from the Fish Hatchery and plant them. Pat Barwig offered her cone flowers. Brabson asked for this item to be added to the September Park & Rec meeting.

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b. Discussion and possible action on Forestry Grant Application

City Forester Heinzl explained the Forestry Grant through the DNR. It is a 50/50 matching grant and they could get anywhere between \$2,000 and \$25,000. He completed as much of the application as he could and now the City Administrator/Director of Public Works, Tom Hafner, is reviewing it. There is a component of removal, pruning and planting and the planting portion would be the spring planting. The removal portion is for removing ash trees. After Hafner is done reviewing it he will work with the WI Forestry Coordinator to tweak the application if needed. He will submit it by the October 1st.

c. Discussion and possible action on postponing tree plantings along Mission Avenue and Mission Road as proposed in the 5-year tree planting plan until the roadways are repaved.

The 2021 tree planting plan involves Mission Avenue and Mission Road. These roads will be repaved and there is potentially a path project in the future on these roads. Instead of planting these 40 trees along these roads we are looking to hold off on these to another year. City Forester Heinzl recommended swapping 2021 and 2023. This includes trees for Cushing Park and Fireman's Park. Heinzl asked if there were any plans for Fireman's Park. Reiher said there will be a new mixed-use area in the 5-year plan.

MOTION BY GRIMMER, SECOND BY BYRNES, TO AMEND THE 5-YEAR TREE PLANTING PLAN TO EXCHANGE THE 2021 PLANTINGS WITH 2023 PLANTING BASED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THE REPAVING OF MISSION AVE AND MISSION RD AND A POTENTIAL PATH PROJECT.

ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. New Business

a. Action and discussion on whether St. John's Northwestern Military Academy public golf course qualifies for right-of-way plantings.

Grimmer asked if St. John's qualifies for our right-of-way tree planting program on the right-of-way and also within their property on the golf course. The golf course is open to the public. Brabson mentioned that it is private property. Barwig said that it is private property and they are also tax exempt. Reiher asked what the precedent would be for other private properties. Flemming mentioned that residents are limited to one tree per year and St. John's is not a resident. She questioned if the City should donate resources that could be used in other areas of the City. Grimmer stated he does not need action on this item and it does not need to be carried over to the next meeting.

5. Request for future agenda items.

6. Correspondence – None.

7. Adjournment

There was no further business; therefore, the Monday, August 24, 2020 Tree Board meeting adjourned at 6:14 P.M.

