

MARION TREE BOARD MINUTES

October 15, 2015, 3:30 P.M.

Lowe Park Arts & Environmental Center

ROLL CALL: Chair Scott Hansen, Mark Sanderson, Sunshine McDonald,
John Hager, Marilyn Tormey

ABSENT: Pam Munro, Eddie Begley

STAFF: Mike Carolan, Mike Cimprich

GUESTS: None

Minutes

Moved by Sanderson and seconded by Hager to approve the September 9, 2015, Tree Board minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Current Budget

The current balance is \$969.50. The balance will be drawn down as the street tree replacement program invoices are processed. No other discussion or comments.

Public Input

None

MidAmerican Trees Please! Grant

The *Trees Please!* grant was reviewed with the Board by Cimprich. He indicated that if awarded, the \$1,000 grant will be used to support the Street Tree Replacement Program. The Board will provide a letter of support to be submitted with the grant application due October 16.

2015 Fall Street Tree Replacement Planting

Sanderson and Hanson discussed the history of the program. Board members acknowledged the program is a benefit to homeowners and the community.

The *Trees Please!* grant and the Urban Forestry Utility account fund this project. There were 56 various trees planted in the right of way this fall and 5 London Plane trees planted in the spring. Cimprich explained that the London Plane trees were planted in the spring as they have better survivability when planted in the spring verses the fall.

Hager asked about the species, size and caliper of the trees planted. Hansen stated that 11 to 12 different varieties were used and Cimprich stated the caliper is typically 1.5 inches. Hager requested a copy of the trees that were planted this fall.

Sustainable Urban Forestry Training and Assistance

The City was awarded the "Trees for Kids" grant which is a combination of education and tree planting. Cimprich informed the Board that the Linn-Mar FFA students assisted with planting 12 trees along 10th Street in front of the school's administrative building and the IDNR conducted the educational portion of the project.

Receive and File

None.

Other

Hansen brought forward to the Board the opportunity to participate in Marion School District's One Day in May program again next year. Cimprich stated that this could be the 40 tree planting along Tower Terrace Road. Hansen explained that the Tree Board has done several tree plantings with the One Day in May program.

Carolan reminded the Board that November 11 is a City holiday to observe Veteran's Day. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12. Sanderson stated that he will not be at the next meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

Board Discussion Time

Hansen stated he noticed that Member Hager's name is not listed on the City website. Carolan stated staff would look into it.

Hansen mentioned he feels the Parks Department should have different color trucks than the Public Services Department to help identify Park employees working in the field. Carolan stated this item was discussed several years ago and it was decided the department trucks would remain red in color.

Adjournment

Moved by Hansen and seconded by Tormey to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, November 12, 2015, 7 a.m. at the Thomas Park Safe Room.

John Hager, Secretary