

CITY OF HORICON TREE BOARD January 20, 2016

The Tree Board met in regular session on January 20, 2016 with chairperson Pyrek presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Pyrek, Neu, Bogenschneider, and Wieneke

Members absent: Vanderhei

Others Present: Magnussen

Motion by Pyrek, second by Neu to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 meeting as distributed with the date of the next scheduled meeting corrected to January 20, 2016. All voting AYE, motion carried.

Public Appearances: None

Supervisor Magnussen reported that American Transmission Company donated \$700 to the city for the Public/Private Tree Planting Program. No tree pruning has been done due to the weather and the absence of a DPW employee for health reasons until March.

The board reviewed planting stock proposals from McKay Nursery and Willow Springs Nursery & Landscape Design. By consensus the board recommend the city order 5 catalpa, 5 common hackberry, 5 Kentucky Coffeetree, 5 London planetree, 10 baldcypress, 5 thornless Honeylocust, 5 ironwood, 5 serviceberry, and 1 autumn blaze maple from Willow Springs. All of the trees are bareroot. The trees will be planted in parks and street terraces by Organic Treecare.

The city Arbor Day ceremony will be on April 29, 2016 in the vicinity of Van Brunt School. Van Brunt students will help plant the tree. The Tree City Award to be presented at the city council meeting on April 26, 2016.

Ash removals for 2016 will only be terrace trees using the same criteria as was used in 2015.

The board reviewed the Public/Private Planting Program draft application and draft policy. Motion by Pyrek, second by Neu to approve the application and policy with the board suggested changes. All voting AYE, motion carried.

As part of the discussion of the public awareness plan the board by consensus decided that a Flyer was not needed at this time. The planting program will be publicized by new releases, posting of program of information on websites such as the City's, the Horicon Public Library's, and the Phoenix Group's, along with posting on Facebook pages of the Library and the Phoenix Group; and providing information to nearby businesses that sell trees. Other opportunities will be used as they arise.

Other 2016 workplans were not discussed.

Non-Action Discussion: None

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Next meeting: March 23, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the DPW conference room.

Motion by Bogenschneider, second by Wieneke to adjourn. All voting AYE the meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ted Pyrek", written in black ink.

Ted Pyrek, Chairperson