

CITY OF HORICON TREE BOARD March 23, 2016

The Tree Board met in regular session on March 23, 2016 with chairperson Pyrek presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Members present: Pyrek, Neu, Bogenschneider, and Wieneke

Members absent: Vanderhei

Others Present: Magnussen

Motion by Neu, second by Bogenschneider to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2016 meeting as distributed. All voting AYE, motion carried.

Public Appearances: None

Supervisor Magnussen reported that some tree pruning has been completed, mainly on recently planted trees along with a few older trees. A list of larger trees needing pruning has been established. These trees will be pruned by Organic Tree Care.

The City Council approved the 2016 tree order. Twenty-four street terrace sites where ash trees have been removed will be planted by Organic Tree Care along with park sites. The contractor will plant, mulch and stake the trees. The terrace sites will be marked on April 4, 2016.

The city Arbor Day ceremony will be on April 29, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the vicinity of Van Brunt School probably in the 400 or 500 block of S. Hubbard St. Van Brunt students will help plant the tree. The City's 30th Tree City Award will be presented at the city council meeting on April 26, 2016. American Transmission Company is the sponsor of the City's Arbor Day

Ash removals for 2016 will only be terrace trees using the same criteria as was used in 2015. The cost of these removals cannot exceed \$5,000.

The city council approved the operating guidelines and the application for the public-private planting initiative. Magnussen has not solicited any additional funds for the initiative from organizations or companies at this time. As part of the initiative two tree planting workshops will given; May 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Discher Park near the restrooms, and June 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at Kiwanis Park.

Non-Action discussion: None

Next meeting: May 19, 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 7:29 p.m.



Ted Pyrek, Chairperson