

CITY OF HORICON TREE BOARD May 19, 2016

The Tree Board met in regular session on May 19, 2016 with chairperson Pyrek presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

Members present: Pyrek, Neu, Vanderhei, Magnussen

Members absent: Bogenschneider (excused), Wieneke

Motion by Neu, second by Vanderhei to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2016 meeting as distributed. All voting AYE, motion carried.

Public Appearances: None

Supervisor Magnussen reported that a list of larger trees needing pruning has been established. These trees will be pruned by Organic Tree Care. A basswood by the play area at Discher Park will be removed for safety reasons along with a dead maple on Joanna near Finch St. Ash removals are temporarily on hold to look for EAB. Three popple at Whitty Park may also be removed along with a defective maple on Walnut near Finch.

All tree planting has been completed by Organic Tree Care. It was completed in about one and a half days. They did a good job. The cool weather has slowed bud break on the trees.

The city Arbor Day ceremony was held on April 29, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the vicinity of 411 S. Hubbard. Van Brunt students helped plant the tree. Organic Tree Care provided a climbing and pruning demonstration. The students enjoyed the demonstration. Hopefully, this can be a part of future Arbor Day programs.

The board reviewed one application for cost-sharing application for tree planting. Motion by Neu, second by Vanderhei to approve the application. All voting Aye, motion carried.

Non-Action discussion: Vanderhei reported that Mark Guthmiller, DNR Forest Health Specialist, wishes to sample two trees that exhibit unusual brooming in an attempt to discover the cause.

Next meeting: August 18, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the DPW conference room.

Motion by Vanderhei, second by Neu to adjourn. All voting AYE the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



Ted Pyrek, Chairperson