

CITY OF HORICON TREE BOARD August 18, 2016

The Tree Board met in regular session on August 18, 2016 with chairperson Pyrek presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Pyrek, Bogenschneider, Neu, Magnussen

Members absent: Vanderhei, Wieneke

Motion by Pyrek, second by Neu to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2016 meeting as distributed. All voting AYE, motion carried.

Public Appearances: None

Supervisor Magnussen reported that Organic Tree Care is pruning city trees. They have been working on E. Walnut, Minerva and Elm streets. The debris from the trimming will now be chipped by the city prior to the weekend.

The newly planted Honeylocust that looked dead at the time of the July meeting now have leafed out. They look good considering the length of time it took them to break dormancy.

The board discussed the need to revise the approval process for requests for reimbursement under the public private tree planting program to avoid needing to call a an unscheduled tree board meeting to approve just a few requests. Motion by Pyrek, second by Neu to allow the payment of the cost-share funds after the submission of the appropriate completed paperwork, and inspection by the DPW/Utilities supervisor, the city forester or their designee. All voting AYE, motion carried.

The board discussed possible public awareness activities to increase the participation in the public-private planting program. Activities considered include:

- A mailing to all property owners with the 2016 property tax bills, or in a separate mailing
- Marking all ash in the street terraces with bright green flagging and preparing a news release stating what that means for the city in the long term.
- Simplify the program pamphlet
- Supervisor Magnussen possibly participating in a talk show on WBEV explaining negative effect EAB will have on the city's tree canopy and promoting the cost-share program.
- Articles in the Citizen and Pioneer.

Brush pick up after tree pruning was covered under the Supervisor's report.

Twelve ash will be removed by Organic Tree Care this year. They are located on Cedar, Main, Barstow and Columbia streets.

Pyrek and Magnussen will locate planting sites for 2017 planting in September. The twelve removed ash will be replaced.

Non-Action discussion: None.

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Next meeting: December 1, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the DPW conference room.

Motion by Bogenschneider, second by Neu to adjourn. All voting AYE the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Ted Pyrek, Chairperson