

## **APRIL 5, 2021 TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES CITY OF EDGERTON**

Beckwith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Adam Gould, Sarah Beckwith, Barb Bublitz, Rebecca Diedrick and Tim Shaw

Excused: Barb Steponkus and Bill Sachse

Others Present: City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Municipal Services Director Howard Moser and citizens.

Flanigan confirmed the meeting agendas were properly posted on Friday, April 2, 2021 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library and City Hall.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A Bublitz/Gould motion to approve the August 31, 2020 Tree Board meeting minutes passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

### **2021 PROJECTS:**

**DNR Grant:** Howard Moser reported the ash trees from downtown were removed. Any logs that were suitable for milling are stock piled at the cemetery. Currently we have 32 logs ready to be milled. The High School stated the kiln they are building will be ready soon. Brent Schroeder will mill the logs and they will be dried in the kiln and used for projects around the community.

**Gravel Bed trees:** Gravel bed trees are scheduled to be delivered mid-April. There will be 70 trees placed in the gravel bed to be planted in the fall. Fassett Cemetery will get 30 of the gravel bed trees and 40 trees will be used as street trees.

**Downtown trees:** Moser reported all the ash trees that were downtown have now been removed. The removal of the stumps and replanting work will go out for bid soon. New trees will be planted using TIF funds.

**Memorial Trees:** Currently the area designated for memorial trees in Racetrack Park is full. As more trees get donated, they will be placed along the IKI Dr side of the park. Mayor Lund announced he will donate a tree for the memorial tree drawing during Tobacco Heritage Days again.

**Neighborhood street tree planting:** Currently 40 gravel bed trees will be designated for neighborhood street trees. The Orchard Heights neighborhood received some of the gravel bed trees in 2020. The Board agreed the Dev Woods Edge, Country Oaks and the West Meadows subdivisions could use some trees. The Board asked Moser to research these subdivisions and report back at the next meeting.

**ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION:** Adam Gould will choose some 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to assist in planting some trees at a location chosen by the Board. Gould also stated every year the DNR offers a program to provide trees to give away to 4<sup>th</sup> graders across the state. This year they are offering trees to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Gould stated he will be picking up 250 trees to give to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders this year.

Every year the city plants 3 trees during the Arbor Day Celebration. Moser suggested trees could be planted at Dickinson Park or Kienbaum Park. He also suggested the Library could use some replacement trees. The Board suggested planting the trees at Dickinson Park.

Arbor Day is usually on the last Friday of April, however the students do not have school that day. Gould suggested moving the Arbor Day Celebration to April 29<sup>th</sup> so the students can take part in the planting. The

Board agreed to move the Celebration to April 29<sup>th</sup>. Gould will check the students schedule and report back on a time.

**NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS:**

Next meeting May 3, 2021 at 5:30 pm

- Gravel bed updates
- Arbor Day
- Neighborhood trees
- Downtown trees

Being no other business before the Board, a Gould/Shaw motion to adjourn passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

Ramona Flanigan/wjl  
City Administrator