

URBAN FORESTRY MTG. – MARCH 2018

Meeting Date: March 13, 2018;

Location: Town Hall

Attendees: J.Ziegler, P.Conrad, T.Nowak, T.James, J.Conrad Guests: None

Distribution: Mr. Jack Anderson, Mr. Joel Gregobowski, Ms. Wendy Helgeson, J.Eisch, K.Eisch

Meeting called to order at 6:39pm

Meeting Minutes-

- Reviewed January minutes; approved by voice vote

Financial Report-

- Reviewed financial report, approved by voice vote
- Discussed 2018 budget and sub-accounts, including prior years rollover
- 2018 pruning contract has been awarded, will be different vendor in 2018 due to lowest cost bidder capable of performing scope of work, new vendor has good reputation with other townships

Arbor Day Plans – Youth Presentation

- Dan Trass of Ranger Services has been scheduled for presentation to Greenville 5th grade classes; he has done this for several years and does a good job with the kids
- There will be two sessions due to the number of kids (approximate total of 175 students); sessions will be 12:20 and 1:00pm
- Seedlings have been ordered, White Oak; **tree bagging will be Wednesday, April 25, 6:00pm at the town maintenance shop**

Arbor Day Plans – Tree Planting Class

- Trees have been ordered, Swamp White Oak, 20 trees
- Session will be Saturday, April 28, 10:00am, at the Town Hall
- Information will be in spring newsletter with registration form/information
- **An assistant from the Urban Forestry group would be helpful – Joel Eisch**

DNR Tree Canopy Survey-

- This was discussed at the Sustainable Communities Network (SCN) quarterly meeting, J.Conrad brought the topic to the Urban Forestry meeting; Tony responded that he has provided the DNR with information for Greenville's Urban Canopy

GIS Features, Town Website-

- Data has been loaded to view trees along the trail system, and to locate memorial trees and benches

Landscape Beautification Recognition Awards-

- Information and application will be issued in spring newsletter, will also be loaded to the website once spring weather arrives
- J.Conrad to check with Sustain Greenville for cost of Farm Market signs as they are similar size, durability, graphics

Rotary Club Memorial Tree Planting-

- Tony has met with Rotary Club representatives, a plan has been defined for the planting event
- 23 trees will be planted; researching what species to purchase

- Planting costs will be shared (tree cost covered with an approved grant)
 - Trees will be planted at Glenn Valley Park, Lions Park, and Pebble Ridge Park
 - Dedication ceremony will take place May 3 at Lions Park
 - Urban Forestry will assemble plaques/posts for each tree, similar to tree markers at Hwy 76 trail
- State Urban Forestry Council Quarterly Session-
- Grant is available through this organization, Tony is reviewing and considering application; could be used to fund planting/replacement along the Arboretum Trail

Miscellaneous-

- Public Works and Economic Development Directors have been hired; have begun their jobs and going through orientation

Next Meeting Thursday, May 10, 2018; 6:30pm; Greenville Town Hall

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26pm

Respectfully Submitted – John Conrad, Chairman, Urban Forestry Board