

Maquoketa Tree Board  
10-9-2023

Present: Glenn Short, Elaine Edwards, DeAnn Montoya, Amanda River, Ashley River

Absent: None

Others: Jan Ketelsen

The Maquoketa Tree Board met at City Hall with no audience.

The financials were reviewed with no expenditures or income from the prior month.

Montoya said she has spoken to Nick, our rep from Trees Forever, and has submitted our list of trees to be placed in the Carbon Credit program with approximately 122 trees on the list. After Nick inventories the trees, an estimate of income and timeline will be submitted to the Tree Board for approval and then will be submitted to the City Council for final approval. A list of questions for Nick was also given to Montoya to bring back to our next meeting. List submitted is attached.

There has been a total of 37 private tree applications for the Black Hills Energy Grant. The grant application is due on November 1st and Montoya has started and it will be submitted by then.

There are two large Tree City signs and the Tree Board passed a motion by Amanda and Elaine to place the signs at entrance to Maquoketa with the first choice being off Highway 61 near McDonalds and Horseshoe Pond with an alternate if can't obtain permission for Platt Street, to place at Grove Street entrance to Maquoketa.

The tree complaint at 404 S 4th from Amy Fisher was discussed with the decision being that a letter to be sent that we don't remove live trees but we will keep on watch list and review annually.

Jan discussed the Tree City form being due shortly and she has almost done and will submit when completed.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Elaine and Amanda.

Elaine Edwards, Secretary