

Maquoketa Tree Board

3-11-2024 @ 5:30 P.M.

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

Absent: None

Others: Teresa Lindstrom

The City of Maquoketa Tree Board met with no audience. The agenda was approved on a motion by Elaine and the minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion by DeAnn.

The financials were reviewed with a billing for tree and stump removal showing paid in the amount of \$12,235.00 to Steines Logging and Tree Removal. It was determined that there are no remaining funds in the General Fund – Trees for the remainder of this fiscal year.

On a motion by Elaine and Ashley, Glenn Short was reappointed as Tree Board President. On a motion by Elaine and DeAnn, Ashley River was newly appointed as Tree Board Secretary with Elaine Edwards handing off duties after five (or more) years of service.

Tree Board members discussed Arbor Day Proclamation made by the mayor February 19, 2024 and members reviewed Arbor Day fact sheet prepared by Jan for website posting. Members also discussed meeting for a picture by the new sign for the website – coordination of date and time to follow meeting.

Tree Board members discussed additional funding opportunities possibly available through Tree Forever from derecho funding – DeAnn will talk with Nick at Tree Forever. Possible DNR fall grant (would be in next fiscal year and \$ must be matched) – too short of notice for applying for spring grant.

Discussion on Black Hills Energy Grant and handling tree applications from residents. List of trees requested by applicants to go out for bid with bids due back by April 3rd (bids back for review by next Tree Board meeting). DeAnn to compile tree list for Jan to send out, Jan to mail out tree bid specifications to nurseries. Motion and approval by DeAnn and Ashley to use Black Hills Energy Grant to fully fund eight trees, and partially fund a ninth tree if okay'ed by the city with applicant to pay any difference in the cost of the tree that is leftover once grant funding is all used. Amount to be determined by how bids return from nurseries. Members agree if first applicant on the list that is eligible for

partial cost of tree does not accept, we will go to the next eligible applicant and so on. Ginko trees being removed from list to save on cost overall and to benefit more applicants receiving trees. Members agreed to desired use of all grant funds awarded to plant as many trees possible as grant funds awarded/trees able to be funded were below expected amount this year.

Tree complaint at 314 S. Locust was resolved. In a contract with the property owner, the city manager approved removal of existing trees for the construction of a new sidewalk as long as property owner planted three new trees to replace the trees being removed.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Elaine and DeAnn.