

Maquoketa Tree Board
7/19/2023 at 5:00 PM

Present: Glenn Short, DeAnn Montoya, Elaine Edwards

Absent: Amanda River

Others: Jan Ketelsen

The City of Maquoketa Tree Board met on July 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. There was no audience. The Agenda and the Minutes of the June 20, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion by Edwards and Montoya.

The financial report was reviewed and due to no transactions no action needed.

Public Works has asked for volunteers to help water the trees that have been moved from Platt Street to Horseshoe Campground. Public Works moved all of the trees as required by DOT.

The Tree Removal list was approved on a motion by Montoya and Edwards with the addition of a tree damaged in the recent storm at 222 S Matteson. Edwards will mark trees and Ketelsen will send the request for bids and also advertise in the paper.

A discussion was held on the next BlackHills/Trees Forever Grant due on November 1st. The application has been changed to be more informative and will be available with an ad in the local paper, on the City website, and on Facebook starting approximately August 7th with a deadline on September 22. This will give Montoya enough time to prepare the grant application utilizing the names and locations of those requesting trees for private property. Ketelsen will forward the name and website of Tri-State Tree Farm and will also send them a request for bids when we know number and species of trees to order.

There will be a meeting with Nick McGrath on July 21st at 10:30 at City Limits to discuss a new program thru Trees Forever.

Chris Nissen's complaint for a tree in the Median in front of his house was discussed. It has split and he wants to try to save. Edwards suggested having Nick look at when in town, if he has time. All were in agreement.

On a motion by Montoya and Edwards, the meeting was adjourned.