

Maquoketa Tree Board
9-11-2023

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

Absent: Elaine Edwards

Others: Jan Ketelsen

The Maquoketa Tree Board met on September 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. There was no audience. The Agenda and August minutes were approved on a motion by River and Montoya.

The financials were reviewed with no expenditures year to date. After bills for replanting and 2023/24 removals, there will be approximately \$12,700 left of the budget.

A report was given on the Carbon Credit program indicating that determination on locations of the trees to be entered into the program are being finalized.

The Black Hills Grant was discussed and Jan related that there are 21 applications for private trees with the application process ending on September 22nd.

Tree Complaints were discussed with the following resolutions: 111 N 5th - walnuts dropping on street and 611 S 2nd - branches falling, with Work Orders submitted to Public Works to trim the trees as necessary. And 602 S 2nd complaint that the newer tree needs trimmed - Edwards and Montoya will trim the newly planted trees as necessary this fall after frost as oaks should only be trimmed in late fall or winter to eliminate pest damage. PW is ok with the trimming and will pickup and dispose of the branches if Edwards/Montoya e-mail locations.

It was related that an application for the Tree Board was received from Ashley River and approval will be voted by the City Council.

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