

Hudson Urban Forestry Meeting Minutes
City Hall Chambers
March 15, 2017

Members Present: Ken Holman, Bill Bauman, John Mueller, Liz Malanaphy, John Hoggatt, Starla Enger
Members Absent: Tim Shafer

Others in attendance: Buck Malick, Emily Holman

Chairman Holman called meeting to order at 6:30

Minutes- Motion by Hoggatt , Second by Enger to approve minutes of Feb 15, 2017, HUFB meeting, Motion carried

1. **Tree of the year**

- The tree of the year is the Autumn Brilliance Juneberry, *Amelanchier grandiflora*. This is a potted tree.
- Promotions will include: School district Hand-out/ water bill mailings/ presentations at civic organizations. Malick has presented to Rotary clubs and Western Wisconsin journal cable TV.
- The boundary for participation is now the Hudson School District boundary
- A flyer was published and is being for distributed.
- Cost: \$79.00 for city of Hudson residents, \$84.00 for non-city residents.
- Deadline to order is Friday April 28, with pick up April 29th at the West Garage.
- Help for homeowner plantings is available. Call City Hall to arrange.
- Questions regarding having a citizen donate a tree to be planted in a park need to be addressed / a policy developed. Should memorials be allowed?

2. **Tree Treks**

- Promotions:
 - Emily Holman shared her logo design for the Tree Trek project. The logo was accepted with a few minor adjustments. Discussion about possible naming process or contest. This could involve students in the district.
 - A tri-fold brochure is being developed
- Plans for installation are being developed. Bill is advising on hardware for more vandal-proof installation.
- Lakefront Park dedication is the feature event for Arbor Day, April 29.

3. **Arbor Day Plans:**
 - **Friday April 28, 2 pm:** Hudson Prairie/ Middle School
 - Lead board member: Ken Holman met with reps from the school. Plans are underway. Mayor will be invited to read the City's proclamation.
 - **Saturday April 29**
 - Gravel Bed 9:30-11:00am, 50 bare root trees being heeled into gravel bed
 - Distribution of Tree of the Year starts at 9:30
 - 3 bur oaks will be planted in Lakefront Park
 - Demonstrations- 11:00-12:00
 - 12:00-Lunch
 - Tree Trek dedication 1:00 and Reading of Proclamation
 - North Hudson will be provided a Bur Oak-Malick will check into timing of planting and place. Suggested to have North Hudson to plant after 2:00.
4. **DNR GRANT UPDATES**
 - Inventory of Private Ash Trees:
 - April 21: Presentation will be made by Malick and Mueller to Willow River students regarding their participation in the inventory process. A 4th grade teacher is taking the lead to collect information. Information and data forms will be distributed to families.
 - Final grant report is being worked on. Due to DNR by the end of March.
5. **2017 Planting Plans**
 - Purchase list was shared
6. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - Intern has been hired: Blade Johnson, Urban Forestry major from UWSP. Duties detailed in a job description that was shared. Tasks will include updating and generating reports from tree inventory, tree maintenance, monitoring EAB and other diseases, pruning smaller trees, etc.

FUTURE BUSINESS

- Discussion of ordinance language re: infested ash trees on private property.
- Citizen tree donations for planting in a park need to be addressed / a policy developed. Should memorials be allowed?
- Review and discuss the Intern's job description and invite him to a meeting.
- Use of "Trees Pay Us Back" information/ link to the calculator (Liz?) See <http://www.treebenefits.com/calculator/>
- School district property west of field of dreams/ FFA at high school potential plan is being developed to create a management plan (Buck)
- Confirm priority neighborhoods for EAB treatments in 2017, based on inventory.

Next Meeting: April 19, 2017, Hudson City Council Chambers

Hoggatt motioned to adjourn at 8:11, Malanaphy second, MOTION CARRIED

Submitted by John Mueller
HUFBS Secretary