

Hudson Urban Forestry Meeting Minutes
River Crest Elementary School - 535 County Rd F
August 17, 2016

Members Present: Ken Holman, Bill Bauman, John Mueller, Tom Zeuli, , Liz Malanaphy,
John Hoggatt, Starla Enger

Members Absent: Tim Shafer

Others in attendance: Buck Malick,

Chairman Holman called meeting to order at 6:30

Minutes- Motion by Hoggatt, Second by Bauman to approve minutes of July 13, 2016,
HUFB meeting, Motion carried

1. **TREE OF THE YEAR**

- Sales will continue through Oct 1, 2016
- It was acknowledged that more marketing needs to be done to promote the tree of the year concept
- Media release needs to be done: Suggestions to be included: Instruct homeowner to prepare the site in advance of pickup. This would include calling diggers hotline, and site selection.
- The stipulation in the original criteria for the sale that limits one tree per house hold will be changed to 2 trees.
- Malick will be attending Rotary meetings to promote the tree of the year
- Hoggatt will promote the tree of the year at City Council meetings.
- Enger will update the flyer with changes. The flyer will be added to the city web page
- Hoggatt will approach the Utility Board to have an insert placed in the water bill

2. **VINE STREET UPDATE**

- Project is on schedule
- After consultation with Willow River Tree Farm it was decided to wait until the end of the project to begin planting new trees.
- There was discussion about the need for a maintenance plan for all of the new trees. Who will be responsible for watering?

3. **GRANT UPDATES**

- **Tree Inventory Software**
 - Preliminary training was conducted and more training is planned
 - Program is up and running

- Private Ash inventory: River Crest Elementary is on board for conducting a pilot inventory utilizing students as citizen scientists to collect data. A google form has been created that students will input into a spread sheet, that will then be uploaded to the city inventory. The Inventory will take place this fall. The goal is to have all schools participate in the inventory by the end of this school year.
- **Tree Trek**
 - No new progress has been made on the city tree trek
 - The board toured the tree trek at River Crest Elementary to help visualize what a tree trek will involve.
 - The current plan is to create a tree trek trail in the Lakefront park and downtown area
 - Goal is to begin process in the fall for selecting trees and determining a design for the signage.
 - It was suggested that the Hudson Chamber of Commerce be contacted to see how the tree trek might be included in information for tourists and community members
- **Gravel Bed Expansion**
 - Enger will be hosting the Master Gardeners at the gravel bed site. She will need access to the yard. Zeuli stated that he will provide access.
 - North Hudson and the Hudson School District continue to partner with the city to utilize the gravel bed. These partners will need assistance identifying planting sites.
- **EAB Treatments**
 - More chemical has been purchased to allow for more trees to be treated.

FALL PLANTING

- The Fall planting date has been set for October 8. Schedule is 9:00-3:00 with a meal provided at noon. Rain date is Oct 15.
- Day Break rotary club is interested in helping with the fall planting.
- It was recommended that 3 crews of about 5/6 members be recruited.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Banner: Malanaphy is coordinating the design of a banner to be used for promotional purposes and public outreach. The goal is to have the banner ready for Spirit of the St. Croix event. It was suggested that the final design be to the printer by Sept 16.

FUTURE BUSINESS

- Water front vegetation restoration design and visioning

Next Meeting: Sept 21, 2016, 6:30 pm, Hudson City Council Chambers
Hoggatt motioned to adjourn at 8:00, Enger second, MOTION CARRIED

Submitted by John Mueller
HUFBS Secretary