

November 2021 Meeting Minutes 11/15/2021

Call to order:

Bob Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, November 15th, 2021.

Roll Call:

Bob Schneider
Dale Freund
Toni Baker
Joe Nesvara
Allen Owen
Josh Embrey
Amy Lentz
Lynn Larsen

Approval of Minutes from October 2021 Meeting:

Approved by Toni Baker, seconded by Allen Owen.

Public Comment:

No public comments. No one in attendance on Zoom.

Staff Report and Committee Updates:

- Introduction of new members, Amy Lentz and Lynn Larsen. All committee members introduced themselves to the new members.

2021 Accomplishments and 2022 Objectives:

- 2021 Accomplishments:
 - January – Not much due to winter weather.
 - February – Late winter pruning.
 - March – Storm damage mitigation.
 - April – Continued storm damage mitigation, Arbor Day celebration and tree planting.
 - May – Tree City USA designation retained, hands on tree plantings, stump carving in Fickel Park.
 - June – Finalizing of tree planting, clean-up of overgrowth and dead trees, initiated mulching program, Summer Camp Program.
 - July – Continued to clean up trees, treated elms for elm leaf beetle, removal of cottonwoods on town property that caused damage, Ips outbreak at cemetery causing loss of trees, more mulching, more kids programs.
 - August – Continued mulch program, removals continued, treatment of elm trees continued.

- September – Spruce trees treatment began, Forester Embrey completed and received an ISA Certificate, fall tree plantings started.
- October – Finalized fall tree plantings, budget finalized for next year.
- November – Winter prep began, Fickel Park stump carving stained, holiday lights installed.
- 2021 Yearly Tree Stats
 - Trees planted – 32
 - Trees removed – 40 (high removal/planting ratio due to Ips outbreak at Greenlawn Cemetery)
 - Tree pruned – 67
 - Trees treated – 61 (20 ash, 41 spruce)
- 2022 Yearly Tree Stats Projection
 - Plantings – 200+
 - Removals – TBD
 - Pruning – 145
 - Treatments – 320
- Discussion of staffing needs to make sure there is enough workforce to make sure everything can get done.
- Allen asked how they track which trees have been treated. Forester Embrey advised it is recorded but trees are not tagged.
- Committee discussed possible sites for additional tree nursery.

Other Business:

- Committee discussed options to advise homeowners about responsibility of trees in the tree lawns.
- Committee decided no December meeting and January meeting moved to the 24th due to scheduling conflicts.
- Discussion about available grants.

Adjourn:

Bob Schneider adjourned the meeting at 7:36 P.M. on the 15th day of November 2021. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 24th, 2021.