



# Agenda

Tree Board

20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein

March 2, 2020 - 5:15 PM

**Call to Order:** 5:17 pm Lenth

**Roll Call:** Brownell, Fick, Johnson, Lenth, Milks, Scheel

**Attending:** Brownell, Fick, Johnson, Lenth, Scheel

**Absent:** Milks

### Approval of Minutes

1. Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the October 5, 2019 meeting

Motion: Brownell      2<sup>nd</sup>: Fick  
Aye: All                      Nay: None

### Street Tree Removal

Johnson stated that the street department cut down approximately 53 trees this past fall in the street boulevards. Scheel asked if the City is removing the stump. Johnson replied that the City hires a contractor as it is cost effective to hire it done.

### Fall Tree Planting Review

Johnson stated that the planting the past fall went very well and appreciated everyone’s help with the large project. Johnson stated that they planted 56 trees in all with the following varieties:

- Bur oak                                      7
- Pin oak                                        7
- Hackberry                                   7
- Thornless Hawthorn                       9
- Japanese Lilac                             7
- Coral Burst crab apple                  9
- Sycamore                                     3
- Ginkgo                                        2
- Locust                                         2
- Elm     1
- Sunburst Locust                            2

Johnson stated that it was great that the board is planting a wide variety of tree species in the boulevards to help diversify the city’s urban canopy.

### Trees Forever Grant

Johnson stated that he submitted the Trees Forever grant for the 2020 planting round. Johnson took the list of trees from the approved tree list to submit for grant money. Johnson encouraged the board to start looking for areas that could need planting for the fall. Fick asked about the trees the board planted at the complex last spring. Johnson stated that he had employees put up snow fence around the trees to protect them from animal browsing. These trees will be used for replacing trees that are removed in street boulevards.

#### Shade Trees

- London Planetree                      Platanus x acerifolia
- Hackberry                                Celtis occidentalis
- American Basswood                  *Tilia Americana*

#### Low-Growing Trees

- Japanese Tree Lilac                    Syringa reticulata
- Serviceberry                            Amelanchier x grandiflora
- Flowering Crab                         Malus 'Prairifire'

### **Tree City 2019 Award/Growth Award**

Johnson reminded the board that he applied for the Tree City Award for 2019 which they received confirmation of receiving this award. Johnson also stated that he applied this year for the Growth Award. The Tree City USA Growth Award is awarded by the Arbor Day Foundation to recognize higher levels of tree care by participating Tree City USA communities. The Growth Award highlights innovative programs and projects as well as increased commitment of resources for urban forestry. Johnson explained that eligible activities must fall into the four following categories.

- **Category A: Education and Public Relations**
- **Category B: Partnerships**
- **Category C: Planning and Management**
- **Category D: Tree Planting and Maintenance**

Johnson showed the tree board the webpage with the subset activities that they can earn points to achieve this award. Johnson asked the board to start thinking of events that they would like to pursue so that the board can keep applying for this award once again. Johnson has not heard if they have received this award or not as of yet and will let the board know as soon as he does.

### **Nursery Tree Transplant**

Johnson stated that has talked with Lloyd Brown and he will be getting to transplanting trees as soon as the weather is suitable for transplanting. Lloyd thought that probably late April into May would be optimal for transplanting, but will have to wait to see what the weather does.

### **Board Member Updates:**

Lenth brought up that he would like to do a presentation to community leaders and show them the harm that created by the emerald ash borer that the board discussed last fall. Johnson took the board to the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE to see the damage created by the pest.

**Adjournment:** 6:09 pm Fick

**Next Meeting Date:** April 6, 2020