

Maquoketa Tree Board

4/8/24 @ 5:30 P.M.

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

Absent: None

Others: Jan Ketelsen

The City of Maquoketa Tree Board met with no audience. The Agenda was approved on a motion by Elaine and Amanda and the minutes of the March meeting were approved on a motion by DeAnn and Amanda.

The financials were reviewed with no changes since the last meeting. No available funds remain for the fiscal year.

Arbor Day related activities discussed including social media posting on Facebook with Tree Board photo taken before meeting, Trees Forever announcement in local newspaper and on KMAQ radio, and Tree Board picture also to go to local newspaper.

Bids for the Black Hills Energy Grant for spring 2024 trees to be ready this week – Jan will email the Tree Board members a bid tab for review. Discussion regarding how to make the most of future grant funding if lower funds will continue to trend (i.e. higher quantity of smaller trees, bare root trees, etc.)

Black Hills Energy Grant Tree Planting targeted for May 17<sup>th</sup> – Approval to be before City Council May 6<sup>th</sup> with email to residents receiving trees to follow. Applicants not receiving trees this year to get denial notification as well. Residents with no email to get a physical letter sent out by 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. Discussion on resident instructions to one call and mark spot for their tree by Monday May 16<sup>th</sup>/Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> so Tree Board member can come help verify planting location. \*Include general guidelines in approval email on planting location.

Tree Complaint – 314 E. Locust – One Large Limb – consult Jon to advise on help from MMEU.

Discussion of possible additional grants and funding – consult Nick at Trees Forever. Possible DNR Grant next fiscal year when matching funds are available.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by DeAnn and Amanda.