

TREE BOARD MINUTES FEBURARY 11TH 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 4:04 PM

ROLL CALL MEMBERS PRESENT- Candy Kirchberg, Sonya Dailey, Alexander Gabriel, Alderwoman Peggy Esposito, City Forester Jon Foster, City Tree Crew Blake Slaek. **GUESTS-** Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Mark Sesselman, Dennis Loser, Jannell Powers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Mark Sesselman thanked the Tree Board and Park Board for approval of his plaque to replace the one that was vandalized.

MINUTES APPROVED FROM NOVEMEBER 12TH - Alexander Gabriel made a motion to approve the minutes, Sonya Dailey Seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

ARBORIST REPORT- Jon discussed the winter projects, trimming and woods cleanup at the Oak Hill Cemetery and tree removals in the city terraces. He also discussed presenting pictures and explanations for tree removals done in the future, these will be sent as a packet to the Council of The Whole with the purpose of answering any public questions about reasons for tree removals.

ARBOR DAY DISCUSSION- Peggy has checked with the grade schools about participating in a planting for Arbor Day with the possible location of Hillmore. The kids would plant small bare root whips with guidance and the city would plant an Oak Tree ball & burlap. The date is tentatively set for April 21st or 25th depending upon those participating.

ADDING NEW MEMBERS- Light discussion concerning finding new members for the Tree Board, more discussion in the future.

PARK DIRECTOR POSITION- Peggy discussed how the position would involve things done within the Parks System and how it would be a position separate from DPW. Some questions and discussion occurred about the position and future discussions will continue.

NEXT MEETING- March 11th 4:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT- 4:50 PM Alexander Gabriel made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Sonya Seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.