

Tree commission Minutes

August 18th 2015

Members Present: Barbara Stark, Mike Pennington, Jim Lemmerman, Christine Penny, Liz Johnson, Dale Sellner

Guests: Judy Gibbs and Ryan Allen

Meeting called to order By Christine, Dispensed with Foresters report so that Judy and Ryan could discuss the Hartley Nature Center Pine plantation thinning as part of the Harley Nature Center Mini Master Plan.

Information was presented as to the scientific and natural requirement to thin the pine plantation to allow for the pine forest to be re-invigorated. This process will accomplish the goal of larger and healthier Red Pine trees in the park.

Judy then asked the Tree Commission for their support of the tree thinning.

Tree commission members then discussed various forms of communication and educational opportunities to support this project. Barbara agreed to compose a draft memo of support for this project and circulate to members for input.

Additional discussion occurred regarding buckthorn management and removal to deter infestation in the newly thinned areas. Judy indicated that there are some funds available to have this work contracted.

Request was made to ask Mayor Ness to "like" the Tree Commissions facebook page.

Christine expressed the need and desire to be include at the beginning when it comes to street reconstruction. So that the tree commission can assist with public education and support.

Arbor day celebration was questioned and the suggestion to plant a new air-pot nursery stock was suggested as this may be the prototype tree for the 4th street project. This planting would take place behind city hall at 2nd street parking lot.

Motion was made and seconded to submit a resolution in support of the 4th street tree planting project and an additional motion was made to allow for e-mail voting.