

Vermillion City Tree Board

Meeting Minutes

March 10th, 2021

Present: Rich Holland, Jim Goblirsch, Ryan Baedke, Pete Jahn, Tyler Williamson, Joan Doss, Aaron Baedke, Trever Job, Derek Tuttle

Jim Goblirsch opened the meeting.

Old Business:

Minutes from the February 10th, 2021 meeting were discussed; no comments were received.

New Business:

Goblirsch shared information on the Re-Tree Vermillion program - 2021's tree will be a Valley Forge Elm. Goblirsch shared highlights of this species of Elm which shows that it is most resistant to Dutch Elm Disease, adapts well to urban planting, tolerates salt, long living, and is an excellent shade tree. Details were also given that the Elms would be available at Ace Hardware in Vermillion for \$25 pending a COV Tree permit was filled out & approved.

R. Baedke shared with the group that the Arbor Day foundation selected the City of Vermillion as a Tree City USA recipient for its 34th year in a row. Excitement was seen throughout the room. Discussion was held among group on the criteria that is used to obtain Tree City USA status.

R. Baedke shared information on the upcoming Earth Week events being held in Vermillion. Earth week is scheduled for April 19th -23rd. Ryan highlighted the Plogging event which he described as a road race while picking up trash. Baedke also shared that the Sustainability group on USD's campus will be planting trees in Barstow Park in recognition of Earth week

Jahn gave an update on Ash and other tree removal in the city.

Other business

Goblirsch shared with the group that Arbor Day in 2021 is on April 30th. The celebration of Arbor day in the Vermillion will include a tree planting in Prentis Park, a Proclamation read by City Council, the re tree Vermillion program, increased promotion on the City website, and a message on the City utility bill.

Trevor J and Derek T from Elk Point were able to attend the meeting and shared with some policies that the City of Elk Point uses pertaining to trees. Nate S was not able to attend so no updates from their respective entities was given.

Goblirsch shared information on EAB and how the insects are effected by extreme cold weather conditions, he also passed out a map of the current confirmed locations of EAB.

Doss shared with the group that her family will be moving out of state and will not seek re appointment to the board in September. The group thanked her for her service and wished her well.

A. Baedke asked if the group knew if the new Running's store was going to sell trees, nobody knew the answer but city staff would check and if they did would provide a list of street tree brochures to them if they would like.

Goblirsch shared with the group about the tree and vegetation plan for the Street Scape project in down town Vermillion. Discussion was had by all members.

Future items to be discussed

Goblirsch announced that unless there was information that needed to be shared in person with the group prior to the Arbor Day tree planting he would call a meeting, if not, the Tree Board would meet at the Tree planting on April 30th at noon in Prentis Park.

Meeting adjourned.