

Shade Tree Committee 4-4-19

Present: Cathy Olson, Cary Eriksson, Jack Volk, Jim Moe, Paula Bourcy, Terry Wallace, Bill Hodous, Cory Meyer, Tammy Meyer, Paul Thompson, Kevin Davidson.

Terry called the meeting to order. Cary made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion 2nd by Bill. Carried.

Cory stated they were not able to remove the Russian Olive trees from the city property south of Ed's Bait Shop.

Jim reported that the geese structures that were at the west viaduct will be relocated to the Bill Oehlke Arboretum when it's dry enough.

Jack asked where the military statues will be going.

Terry said it was the general consensus that they would not be going back to the former location at the west viaduct. Discussion has been held on creating some sort of military park but no location has been found to date.

Jim suggested getting an artist rendering for a display for the statues and include some type of walkway.

Terry said he would have to talk to Mike Grafsgaard about this. It really doesn't fall under the duties of the Shade Tree Committee.

Cory stated the street and sanitation departments are making a list of trees that need to be trimmed on the streets and alleys.

Bridgestone Park is being developed on 3rd St NE where the old Firestone building was located. Todd Thompson is asking what type of trees would be best for the park and if Shade Tree will help with funding of the trees.

Paul said he would be willing to work with them to choose the best tree types.

Tree vouchers will be handed out again this year and they will be increased to \$100 per home owner.

Three members' terms are expiring in June. Paula indicated she would be willing to serve another term. Kevin said he would check with other members of the Planning Commission to see if someone would be interested in serving as a Shade Tree member. Deb's term is also up.

The annual Arbor Day Program will be May 10, 1:00 pm, at Bridgestone Park; Tammy will talk to Minnie H kids for special music; Mark and Eva Olson will donate the tree; Helen will do the

invitations, Arbor Day proclamation, programs and advertisement; Helen will talk to Mike about being guest speaker.

Jack stated he would like to check into increasing the temporary Shade Tree staff salaries by 10%.

The next meeting will be the first Thursday in June at noon.

Cathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion 2nd by Tammy. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Carlson
Recording Secretary