

Devils Lake Shade Tree Committee
6-13-19

Present: Cathy Olson, Paul Thompson, Jack Volk, Jim Moe, Terry Wallace, Paula Bourcy, Cary Eriksson, Mark Olson, Helen Carlson.

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

Jim reported that Cory was gone and the three Shade Tree staff are working on trimming trees. Next week they will hire a 4th person and start working as two teams focusing on trimming: 1 team in the alleys and 1 team on the streets.

Jack suggested putting a 12' pole on a trailer to signify a certain height and if it hits the tree branches, they need trimming. This would take the guess work out of determining the height of the clearance under the trees. It would also save on equipment for snow removal.

If the street department is able to help cut trees, they could do 5 trees per day.

Jack stated people have asked him why we don't limit boulevard trees to one species per block.

Mark felt owners should be able to plant any kind they want as long as it's on the approved list.

Paula said you wouldn't want to have a whole block of the same kind of trees in case of insects or other diseases that could potentially kill every tree on the block.

Paul thought there should be some diversity and it's good to plant a variety of species.

Tree vouchers are ready to hand out again. The value of the vouchers has been raised from \$75 per tree to \$100 per tree. Six vouchers have been handed out so far.

Jim reviewed the budget for the coming year.

Jack made a motion to reappoint Deb Follman and Paula Bourcy as members of the Shade Tree Committee, and to appoint Terry Thompson to take Kevin's place as a member. Motion 2nd by Cary. Carried.

Paul commented on how great the Arbor Day Program turned out this year and the large number of people who attended.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Carlson
Recording Secretary