

Devils Lake Shade Tree Committee
6-10-21

Present: Terry Thompson, Tammy Meyer, Cathy Olson, Mark Olson, Terry Wallace, Cory Meyer.

Terry W called the meeting to order. Paula made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion 2nd by Tammy. Carried.

Cory said the city commission was directed to call for proposals for contractor tree trimming rather than hiring a Shade Tree crew, since only one application was received and it's difficult to get qualified help. Cory reported there was some confusion with the contractors on the proposals that were submitted for the request for a contractor to do tree trimming for the city. Proposals will be accepted again at the June 20 city commission meeting.

Mark felt the Shade Tree Committee should have been the ones making the recommendation to the city commission on hiring a crew versus calling for proposals for tree trimming, instead of having the city commission representative on Shade Tree bypassing the committee and going directly to the city commission with a recommendation.

Mark made a motion to send a letter to the city commission stating Shade Tree Committee needs to be consulted in the decision making on summer hiring or hiring a contractor for tree trimming.

Discussion was held and the consensus was that at the next meeting the Committee would discuss with the city commission representative the process for decision making for Shade Tree Committee.

Motion made by Mark failed for lack of a second to the motion.

Cory stated there is \$7,000 in the budget for stump removal. Trees on the boulevard have to be trimmed up to 14' high from the ground level. Area 1 – north of 10th St NE – will be the area the contractor will concentrate on for tree trimming this summer. They won't be cutting any live trees.

Cory said with the fire chief retiring and a new chief taking over, he was not sure how he would be involved in Shade Tree. Shade Tree is not actually part of his job and he felt that no matter who is involved with Shade Tree should be paid extra.

The next Shade Tree meeting will be at noon on July 8.

Tammy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion 2nd by Mark. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Carlson
Recording Secretary