

Shade Tree Committee
4-7-22

Nate Bennet, Jack Volk, Cathy Olson, Terry Thompson, Cory Meyers, Tammy Meyers, Sara Laite, Lindsay Overmyer, Paul Thompson, Mark Olson, Paula Bourcy.

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

Arbor Day will be May 20, 1:00 pm, tentatively at the Hofstad Ag Center, with Preston Sundeen as guest speaker. Tammy will arrange special music; Mark will donate a tree; Helen will contact Hofstad Center and Preston, do publicizing, invitations, programs, proclamation.

Cory said there is \$5,000 set aside for tree vouchers.

Cory recommends breaking the call for bids into streets and alleys in specific areas that will eventually cover the whole city.

Jack made a motion to go with the recommendation from Cory Meyer to call for bids for a contractor for tree trimming and cutting, providing for different options and bid items.

Jack suggested doing the street trimming options first and then proceed with trimming trees in the alleys if there are funds left.

Cory stated the budget for 2022 seems to be inadequate to complete all the necessary tree trimming and cutting for the year. Budget will be discussed at the June 2022 meeting.

Membership terms are up for Paula Bourcy, Terry Thompson and Deb Follman. Paula has indicated she does not wish to serve another term.

Mark made a motion to reappoint Deb Follman and Terry Thompson as members of the Shade Tree Committee for 3 year terms. Motion 2nd by Tammy. Carried.

Jack made a motion to appoint Lindsay Overmyer as a member of the Shade Tree Committee for a 3 year term. Motion 2nd by Paula. Carried.

Jack said he will talk to Scott Volk from MDU to see if he would be willing to fill the vacant position on the Committee.

Mark felt Cory should be taking on the Shade Tree responsibilities and put more in the budget to pay him more. He said the Committee needs to fight for making this happen. Can there be a better plan for operation? The City used to always have a paid forestry department. What do other cities pay their forestry people?

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Carlson
Recording Secretary