

Devils Lake Shade Tree Committee  
9-26-23

Present: Cath Olson, Sara Laite, Lindsay Overmyer, Paul Thompson, Terry Wallace, Cory Meyer, Tammy Meyer, Helen Carlson.

Terry opened the meeting. Cathy made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, adding Paul Thompson as present at the meeting. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Carried.

Cory updated the committee on work being completed by Angry Beaver. They have completed all the trimming on streets and avenues and alleys on the Southeast side of town. They are now working on alleys on the northeast side of town and cutting trees by Roundhouse Park.

Tammy suggested taking pictures of the area getting alleys trimmed and put on Facebook.

Tammy and Lindsay received information from NDSU Extension on grants for doing a tree inventory in the city. They are working on putting a grant request together. Grants may be up to \$25,000 with equal cost share by the city. Bill Hodous has agreed to do the study which involves taking pictures of every boulevard tree, noting size, species, and condition. The grant local cost share can include purchase of an iPad for inventory, wages for Bill, use of a city vehicle.

The grant request has to be submitted by October 31 and we will ask Geri from NDSU Extension to take a look at the grant before submitting it. The grant will be submitted to be completed in phases: first part of the plan would be completing the training needed and the canopy study in the spring of 2024; phase 2 would be submitting a strategic plan in the fall of 2024. Tammy and Lindsay have agreed to complete the strategic plan