

Tree Commission Meeting Notes August 9, 2016

In attendance : Meiring, Jane, Joe, Kessa, Debbie, Dean, Lenny, Miriam

Next meeting Wed. Nov 2, 2016 (no we did not discuss this)

Election results:

Meiring was elected Chair of Commission

Joe was elected Secretary

Kessa was elected Communications

Meeting notes:

Adopt a tree program was discussed for possible implementation for SE tree commission. The purpose would be to offset tree cost for the maintenance dept tree budget. This would allow local citizens to donate money to the fund for the purpose of street and park trees.

Mark Gryman would create a link to the webpage for donations

Jane will research options with finance dept. for credit card options on the webpage link as well.

Amazon wish list option was brought up. This was back burner-ed until success of adopt a tree proven.

Question of do we have to post our meeting to the public was brought up, Jane to find out.

Storm water funds were brought up again. We need service dept to agree to purchase trees and can proceed with process. More boring talk about a street sweeper took place. Where to target these funds: where flooding takes place, locations void of trees, option for more maintenance for trees. Need for a working water truck was expressed. So was need for additional seasonal crew/personnel to run it.

Mystery Man X to create list of needed items the city will require for tree program to be successful for next meeting.

Column for city bulletin still in "process".

Add water your tree reminder to website

Kessa asked to post weekly upload, article, info etc. to facebook weekly

Hazardous tree removal financial assistance was brought up. This was not something the commission was looking to pursue. The option of putting a tax for tree assessment on the ballot was the best discussed option.

The real debate: was it legal for Meiring to drive with the giant gutter out his car window???