

**Berkley Tree Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 13, 2020
7:00 p.m. – Berkley Public Library**

Present: M. Grassa, L. Fritsch, B. Lathrop, M. Schneider, T. Losey, K. Karlis, D. Hennen, S. Sekora, D. Schueller

Absent: R. Penkala, K. Wilt, A. Turner, D. Hennen

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2019 meeting minutes reviewed and approved. There was no December meeting due to the Holiday Parade.

Review and Approval of Agenda – M. Grassa presented agenda and members approved as proposed.

Public Comments- None.

Update from DPW director, D. Schueller: Fall planting went much smoother than last year. 103 trees planted. He completed the forms for Arbor Day 2020 prior to their December deadline. The new tree ordinance was included in the application.

J.H. Hart, the city's contracted tree company, reported in 2019: 605 trees pruned, 100 trees removed. Compared to previous years, the number of trees pruned increased significantly. In 2018, 120 planted, 298 pruned, 101 removed. In 2017, 91 planted, 333 pruned, 133 removed.

R. Lathrop asked what species of trees were removed. D. Schueller will look into it. M. Grassa asked why there was such an increase in pruning. D. Schueller said he will ask Judd Hart to explain.

Recommendations for city master plan- T. Losey: T. Losey was selected to be on the master plan steering committee. They meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. She would like us to think about what we want to be considered for the new master plan in terms of the urban tree canopy.

Grant Information- T. Losey: Application deadline is September 2020 for the DNR grant. Tree board needs to decide what it wants to ask the grant to be for. DNR grant could be used for a tree inventory. DTE has a grant that could be used for tree planting. D. Schueller is working on the budget beginning July 2020, so he needs numbers by the February meeting to submit to the council.

City Tree Survey- K.Karlis: K. Karlis presented a plan she wrote up for a possible tree inventory to be done summer 2020. D. Schueller said he would need a memo to present to council/city manager if the board needed to ask for funds before the July fiscal year begins. Based on information K. Karlis gathered from a professor at MSU, it would cost approximately \$26,000 total to do a tree inventory, with help from students at MSU and volunteers from our community. The board would need to ask the city for \$8,000 in 2020 and \$8,000 in 2021. The DNR matching grant, if awarded, could be used to fund the project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

2020 Meeting Schedule:

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| Monday, March 9, 2020 | Monday, July 13, 2020 |
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