

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

THE HAILEY TREE COMMITTEE

Thursday, March, 11th, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Call to Order: Chair Ries called Zoom meeting to order at 6:05 pm

Attendance: City Staff – Stephanie Cook

Committee Members: Linda Ries, Jim Rineholt, Kelly Siemon, Mike McKenna, Seth Gates, David Anttila

Guest: None

Approval of February meetings: Motion by Seth to approve minutes, seconded by Jim and passed.

New Business:

Heritage Tree Program:

- Sue Rowland heritage tree approval-A motion by Jim to approve and was seconded by Seth. All approved.
- Ralph Harris' heritage tree approval-A motion by Seth to approve and was seconded by Kelly. All approved.
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- Linda suggested the selected trees have a discreet sign attached to the tree with a QR code so people can scan and read more about the tree on their phone.

Earth Day :

- Saturday the 24th of April, Library town square to distribute, or to piggy back on another non-profit table. Tree giveaway? Linda will email as it comes up.

ArborFest:

- It was decided that it would be a good idea to hold ArborFest in conjunction with the Hailey's Farmer Market this summer. HTC will coordinate with the Chamber for this event.
- Kelly suggested the stories get printed as a booklet for kids, at the farmer's market, and to distribute trees. Currently it is scheduled for June 10th. Mike will confirm.

- Tentatively HTC would like to commit to June 10th. Seth motioned to commit to the 10th, Jim seconded, all in favor, approved.

Old Business:

Pruning Seminar:

- Linda and Stephanie will prepare a zoom training program on pruning younger trees. This will take place on March 18th at 5:30 pm via the Hailey Public Library's outreach education programs. This will be followed by an actual hands-on training day in early spring. Linda asked that members of the HTC be available to assist in working with folks in the field so folks can be spread out.
- As far as outreach, the library does a good job of getting the word out about their programs. However, Katie will notify the Sawtooth Botanical Garden and local landscaping companies of the upcoming seminar. Since 5:30 is not the best time for folks who work full time the library also records these sessions for later viewing.
- Seth Requested to prune the Linden by Sweetwater in the right-of-way. One block North of . Stephanie will check and see if the City is responsible for those trees.

Education and Outreach:

Heritage Trees to continue to be promoted in City Newsletter and perhaps by Emily in the Mountain Express.

Board/Staff Reports:

None

Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda: Continue to discuss plans for ArborFest 2021 and hands-on pruning training sessions. Proposal for the new campsite is premature, but landscaping needs to be fireproofed.

Adjourn: Ries adjourned meeting at 7:07 pm.

Minutes taken by David Anttila