

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE HAILEY TREE COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 8th, 2021 at 6:00 pm

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

Attendance: City Staff – Stephanie Cook

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

Approval of March meeting minutes: Motion by Seth to approve minutes, seconded by Kelly and passed.

New Business:

Founder's Day Celebration and 25th Anniversary of the BCRD Native Plant Arboretum

- Linda and Mike are going to meet and discuss possible activities for celebration. Talked about doing activities on July 4-People like things to do after the parade.

Masonic Hall submission

- All agree on the nomination of Masonic Hall trees for Heritage Tree program.
- Motion by Jim to approve , Seconded by David. All approved.
- Discussion of a variety of trees to be included in program was discussed to not only include Maples and Spruce.

Pruning Seminar:

- Two sessions of hands-on pruning training April 13, 1:30-3:00 pm & 6:00-7:30 pm. Will meet in front of Hailey Courthouse.
- Everyone needs to bring gloves, mask, and not expect to get too dirty.

Old Business:

ArborFest

- Vote to hold Arborfest on June 12th in conjunction with the first Farmer's Market
- Motion by David to approve ,Seconded by Jim. . All approved
- Stephanie let group know that the Arborday Grant was approved for \$300.
- Grant money to go toward purchase of seedlings ,fertilizer etc.
- Linda mentioned it would be nice to have Gingko as a "prop" at Arborfest to be planted later.
- Linda is ordering Hackberry trees and Shagbark Hickories seedlings.
- Stephanie & Linda discussed the threat of Emerald Ash borer (EAB) and the importance of putting proactively writing a plan. There are 14 species of Ash in the U.S. and all are susceptible to EAB. Linda stated it's the worst invasive species to attack trees to date in the country.
- About May 1 water is scheduled to be turned on at city parks.

Board/Staff Reports: None

Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda: ArborFest

Adjourn: Seth adjourned meeting at 7:05 pm. David seconded

Minutes taken by Kelly Siemon