

City of Ottawa Tree Board Minutes

Date: 3-28-24

Meeting brought to order: 7:00

Present at meeting: Chair – Christine Frangoulis, Judy Fenza(Phone), Vicki Stacy, Nathan Weiss

Others in attendance: Brent Barron

Board members not in attendance: Mike Waygand, Carol Wahlstrom

Public comment offered: yes, by Brent- Discussion about the upcoming Arbor Day celebration. Also he said that the 700 & 800 blocks of LaSalle street will be getting Hydrants. Volunteer Meeting coming up at City Hall.

Review Minutes from Feb. 29th 2024 – Motion to approve from Judy Fenza , seconded by Nathan Weiss

New Business: Christine will purchase educational handouts on how to plant a tree, to be put in with the water bills.

The tree fund budget needs to be used by April 30 or it will go away, so if trees or educational material is needed, they need to be purchased before then. Christine, Brent and Nathan will make a trip to Winding Creek to purchase trees.

Tree list on our city website will be revised by Vicki and Christine to include the shape. Some types of trees will be removed.

Old Business:

Update on where the celebration will be –Marquette Academy where the Arbor Day tree will be planted in the area of the Grotto. Nathan has been in contact with Brook at Marquette as to the number of student and classes and time of the event.

Per Nathan-Trees have been ordered and will be delivered the week of the 15th and the FFA will bag the saplings. Planting information will be shared on the student website portal and there will be no paper handout. The school will designate the readers of the proclamation (4-5 students) and a student to read the Joyce Kilmer tree poem. There will be 3 flag bearers.

Tree Permits/Appeals Received – to be reviewed: none

Meeting Adjourned : 8:30

Next Meeting: 4-25-24

Submitted by Vicki Stacy