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This meeting of the Tree Board was called to order on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. at Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Mark Dungan, James Hinchliff, Russ Lickteig, Allison Courtright, Lee Goldsmith

Absent: Teresa Barrett, Charmin Sterbenz

I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Hinchliff, Second by Lickteig to approve the agenda.

Roll call: Ayes-5; Nays-0 Motion passes: 5 - 0.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Hinchliff, Second by Dungan to approve the minutes from September 2, 2015.

Roll call: Ayes-5; Nays-0 Motion passes: 5 - 0.

II. PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS

1. Ash Tree Mapping:

Mark Dungan updated the Board with the status of the Ash tree inventory stating that he has completed the Ash inventory for all City owned property & parks with a total of 94 Ash trees. Dungan stated that the private sector has a considerably higher concentration of Ash trees to be considered. Dungan also requested to have a staff member go with him to drive around and review the areas of concern to verify boundaries, priorities and outline treatment or removal plans. The Board agreed that input from Staff would be important to determine zones and locations that are in the planning stage for future growth and development projects.

2. Priorities and Time Lines

Goldsmith and Lickteig discussed the need for homeowner guidelines to be compiled and distributed to the community to assist with identification and education on treatment options. Dungan agreed to provide a cost analysis and treatment evaluation guideline that would assist with the decision process on what trees to treat and which should be removed or replaced. He stated that the report should be available in December or January. Goldsmith provided a list that identified trees that would be considered good prospects for future plantings in place of Ash or other threatened tree species. Dungan and Goldsmith will also provide planting specifications and guidelines for successful planting techniques. Goldsmith noted that this would be a preliminary guide and subject to updating and modifications in the future. Dungan suggested working on site analysis in the future to ensure proper placement for plantings in addition to the type and method of planting.

III. PUBLIC FORUM-

No one was present to address the board.

New Business-

Next meeting will be November 18, 2015.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hinchliff, Second by Lickteig to Adjourn

Roll call: Ayes-5; Nays-0 Motion to Adjourn passes at 6:37

Lee Goldsmith, Vice Chair

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