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This meeting of the Tree Board was called to order on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. at Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Mark Dungan, Russ Lickteig, Sally Worley, Greg Hayes, James Hinchliff, Lee Goldsmith, Absent: Brandon Neilson

I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Dungan, Second by Hayes to approve the agenda.

Roll call: Ayes-All; Nays-0 Motion passes: 6 - 0.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Hinchliff, Second by Hays to approve the minutes from September 21, 2016.

Roll call: Ayes-All; Nays-0 Motion passes: 6 - 0.

5:34 Neilson joins the meeting

II. PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS

1. Brandon Neilson was introduced as the Park and Recreation representative replacing Allison Courtright.
2. Tree & Trail Maintenance Update
General discussion about the status of several trees in Grimes that are in need of trimming or replacement. Goldsmith commented on several pear trees by James Street and First that should be replaced. Lickteig noted recently planted trees behind Northridge had been damaged in the last storm and need to be straightened. DeYoung said those concerns would be relayed to Public Works and they will address those as the opportunity arises.
3. Arbor Day Event Planning
The location for the 2017 Arbor Day event will take place at the South Sports Complex. Goldsmith recommended considering North Point Park as a possible alternate. DeYoung stated that she would get a map of the park in order to better plan the areas that are in need of trees as well as how many trees and discuss with Public Works for their input as well. The date for the event will be at 10 am on April 22nd with a rain date of April 29th. Dungan will handle the bid process once the materials needed were determined. Goldsmith said she would look at local sponsors for snack supplies to provide volunteers. Dungan recommended

marking all the Ash trees for the event so the public could get a visual of all the trees threatened by the Emerald Ash Borer. Goldsmith recommended putting a price tag on each tree as well to show the value of preserving those trees. Worley suggested having a presentation on the importance of trees at the beginning of the event prior to planting. General discussion continued about offering a map or brochure for the volunteers that would provide information on the program. Neilson said he would look into the possible use of the Concession Stand for the event. Goldsmith suggested that if the concession stand was already in use by the Soccer Club, we could offer coupons in the brochure for a snack while supplies last. Dungan asked if anyone was looking into grants with the utility companies. Worley offered to look into that. Dungan stated that he would talk to a MidAmerican representative about their Plant Some Shade program over the weekend.

4. Park & Recreation Discussion

Branden Neilson stated the Park & Recreation board was reviewing the parks in town and assessing what the needs of each were. Neilson said he would bring the results of the assessment to share at the next Tree Board meeting.

III. PUBLIC FORUM-

No one was present to address the board.

Old Business-

New Business-

Next meeting will be November 16, 2016.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 6:22 pm
