

April 14, 2015

The regular meeting of the Tree Board of the City of Seward, Nebraska was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Seward Civic Center, 616 Bradford Street. Present: Matt Stryson, Charles Matzke, Kenneth Schmieding. Absent: Larry Goldsmith, Brian Flesner. Others in Attendance: Street/Transportation/Recycling Supt. Melv in Aldrich, Councilmember Dean Fritz.

Notice of Meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in the following places: City Hall, Civic Center and Seward Public Library. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The Chairman announced that a copy of the Agenda for this meeting is posted at City Hall, Seward County Courthouse and Seward Memorial Library, and a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in Room Three (south wall) for public inspection.

1. ANNUAL REVIEW OF TREE POLICIES; DESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY

The Tree Board ordinance was reviewed with all members. Chairman and Secretary will remain the same.

2. TREE CITY USA AWARDS - APRIL 1, 2015 IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Mel Aldrich and Matt Stryson visited the State Capitol on April 1, 2015 for the Tree City USA Awards. A photo was taken with Governor Pete Ricketts and Senator Mark Kolterman. Matt and Mel also discovered a photo of Governor Chester Aldrich from David City (serving 1911-1913) who was a big fan of trees.

3. ANNUAL ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

The Annual Arbor Day Celebration will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Independence Landing.

4. TREES ON CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY (FOR REMOVAL):

- a. 236 North 4th Street (2 lindens)
- b. 623 North 2nd Street (1 ash)
- c. 206 Seward Street (3 white oaks)
- d. North Highway 15 (dead pine west of high school-across highway)

A motion was made by Schmieding, seconded by Stryson, to approve the above-listed trees for removal. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Future Agenda Items

The Board discussed public inquires about memorial trees, and mentioned that they should be referred to the Public Properties/Recreation Dept. Possible sites for tree-planting consideration: City parks, Plum Creek Trail, cemeteries, schools and university. The Street Dept. can assist with finding places for trees to be planted.

Discussion was held regarding the need for more street trees on the north side of the City, and possible means for this to happen.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

The minutes from October 14, 2014 were unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. in a motion by Stryson, seconded by Matzke. All members present voted aye.

Matt Stryson, Acting Secretary