

March 29, 2016

The regular meeting of the Tree Board of the City of Seward, Nebraska was held on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Seward Civic Center, 616 Bradford Street. Present: Charles Matzke, Kenneth Schmieding, Larry Goldsmith, Matt Stryson. Absent: Brian Flesner. Others in Attendance: Street, Transportation & Recycling Superintendent Melvin Aldrich.

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

The following tree was discussed for removal:

a. 540 North Columbia Avenue

Moved by Matzke, seconded by Goldsmith, to remove the corner tree, spruce and Austrian pine at the above location. The white pine and pin oak will remain. The motion passed.

2. REVIEW OF BOARD DUTIES; DESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY

Tree Board duties were reviewed, with a motion by Schmieding, seconded by Matzke, that Chairman (Stryson) and Secretary (Goldsmith) remain the same. The motion carried.

3. TREE CITY USA - APRIL 5, 2016

The Tree City USA celebration will be held April 5, 2016, with Matzke, Schmieding and Aldrich in attendance.

4. ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Moved by Matzke, seconded by Goldsmith, that the "Friend of Trees" Award be given to Dean Fritz. The motion carried.

The 2016 Seward Arbor Day Celebration will be held on April 21, 2016 at the park near Harvest Hall at 1:00 p.m.

5. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Door hangers for new houses and advertisements in newspaper were discussed as ways to get information out to citizens regarding RELEAF trees.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - SUGGESTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARD

Items discussed included: Increasing amount of reimbursement to citizens for planting of RELEAF trees from \$75.00 to \$100.00; Tree removal (sycamore) at 945 North 5th Street

4. CONSENT ITEMS

The minutes from October 13, 2015 were approved in a motion by Goldsmith, seconded by Schmieding.

The meeting was adjourned in a motion by Matzke, seconded by Schmieding. The motion was approved.

Larry Goldsmith, Secretary