

**REGULAR MEETING
OAKDALE TREE BOARD
City of Oakdale
June 4, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Oakdale Tree Board of the City of Oakdale was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at the Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue North, Oakdale, Minnesota.
Chair Klein called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL OF ROLL

Chair: Jane Klein

Members: Cathie Schreifels
Marge Sagstetter
Dallas Pierson
Nick Kantola
Bill Rasmussen
Mike Saarela

Absent: Stan Karwoski
Diane Crea
Bob Stiglich

Also Present: Loren Cota, City Forester
Colleen Swedberg, Council Representative

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER KANTOLA AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SCHREIFELS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2019 AS PRESENTED.

**Ayes 6 Abstain 0
Nays 0 Motion Carried**

Chair Klein stated that during the Tree Board meeting of March 19th, she believes it was Member Pierson who asked the question regarding changing the name of Oakdale Tree *Board* to a *Commission*. Member Pierson is unsure but remembers speaking on the subject.

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER PIERSON AND SECONDED BY MEMBER KANTOLA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2019 AS PRESENTED.

Ayes 5 Abstain 1 (Member Rasmussen)

Nays 0 Motion Carried

OPEN FORUM

No one spoke.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Forester Cota recently looked at Ash trees near 7th Street and Hwy. 120. Trees look healthy except one branch which he feels is worth treating. Homeowner will be contacted to discuss options of treatment this summer or removal of tree in winter.

Commissioner Sagstetter asked for confirmation whether Commissioner Moeller is still on Tree Board.

Chair Klein responded that Oakdale City Council is concerned city employees serving on councils and commissions could present a conflict of interest. They have decided current employees may attend meetings and participate but will not have voting rights or receive payment. Currently, it is not an issue. This was addressed to prevent potential issues in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

Arbor Day

Chair Klein received two comments; earlier tree giveaway time and draw names for leftover trees. The earlier giveaway time will eliminate residents standing around or leaving and coming back to pick up trees.

Forester Cota noted that all leftover trees are used. They are planted in a gravel bed and used as homeowner replacement trees when boulevard trees are removed. If trees survive the winter, they are dug up and planted in "Pete's Nursery" and used as needed. Pete's Nursery is land on 10th Street south of Skyview Middle School.

Chair Klein is in favor of the earlier giveaway time but would like City Council to approve it. Regarding drawing names for leftover trees, Chair Klein feels that since all trees are eventually planted, we should keep trees for Oakdale purposes.

Member Rasmussen noted that past Mayor Sarrack had wanted to give enough time for residents to get back to the park for the giveaway. Less trees are given away now so the line moves very quickly. Agrees to the earlier time.

Proposed 2020 Arbor Day Tree Giveaway time:

9:30 – Numbers are given out

10:00 – Proclamation with giveaway to follow

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Member Sagstetter commented that, weather permitting, tables should be set up along waiting line so people can interact with volunteers. Most residents get their tree and leave without stopping at tables under covered shelter. One suggestion is to reconfigure number line to go through shelter.

Chair Klein stated next year they will try to set up signage and possibly set tables up in parking lot. Suggestions for tree species for 2020 are: Blue Beach (small tree), Ironwood (large tree), Chestnut, Frostbite Apple, Silky Dogwood, Mountain Ash, Red Maple and Kentucky Coffee. Chair Klein informed board that City Council has approved the purchase of trees and directed Forester Cota to order and purchase when the time is right.

Forester Cota mentioned that he is a big fan of Kentucky Coffee and Red Maple if they are native. Final decision on tree selection can wait until September when he knows what is available.

Member Kantola asked if a coniferous evergreen tree should be included.

Forester Cota replied that he will try to order a Concolor Fir or a Balsam Fir. Goal is to order early and get a larger size.

Spring Planting

Chair Klein reported that planting was done quickly and kids did a wonderful job. Mulching will be done later. Forester Cota mentioned remaining plants still need to be picked up and mulch has not been purchased yet. It is not included in the cost but will be within budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Revised Roster

Chair Klein informed board that City Council has agreed to increase the number of seats allowed on the Oakdale Tree Board.

Member Sagstetter suggested dating roster when revisions are made.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER KANTOLA AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SAGSTETTER TO APPROVE THE REVISED 2019 TREE BOARD ROSTER AS PRESENTED, WITH THE INTENT TO ADD A REVISION DATE ON FUTURE ROSTERS.

Ayes 6 Abstain 0

Nays 0 Motion Carried

Bylaws

Forester Cota mentioned that City Clerk, Sue Barry tweaked some verbiage in order to be in compliance with all Commissions and Council.

Member Sagstetter informed Chair Klein that Article 1.1 is incomplete and is not ready to be adopted.

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Chair Klein informed board they will receive a \$15 per diem for each meeting they attend and decision to adopt the bylaws will be tabled until verbiage is complete.

Buckthorn

2019 location is Oakdale Discovery Center.

Emerald Ash Borer

Forester Cota stated the flyer will be sent out in June. Chair Klein requested 50 flyers to use at Indoor Markets.

Tree Trek

Forester Cota has list of trees to be identified. Trees will get new ribbons and are be ready for GPS. Member Sagstetter will help write tree descriptions. Chair Klein shared a folder of information from Hudson Tree Trek and mentioned Hudson, as well as a few other cities, are willing to share information with Oakdale. The Lions Club is also interested in helping.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

No one spoke.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS/DATE

Chair Klein noted the following will be included on the September agenda:

- A. Oakdale Dog Park. Chair Klein would like the Tree Board to design a plan rather than a professional designer. Focus will be on trees and shrubs and low maintenance, hardy shrubs. Lion's Club has not been approached yet for help but Forester Cota will contact them. Map of park will be provided at next meeting.
- B. Buckthorn Event. Member Stiglich will cook and North High School students will volunteer.

Next Oakdale Tree Board meeting – Tuesday, September 3, 5:30pm.

Member Sagstetter mentioned the Landscape Revival event in the City Hall parking lot. There will be six native growers outside and ten exhibitors inside.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER PIERSON SECONDED BY MEMBER SAGSTETTER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TREE BOARD AT 6:07 P.M.

Ayes	6	Abstain	0
Nays	0	Motion Carried	

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Buhl, Recording Secretary