

## MARION TREE BOARD MINUTES

July 8, 2015, 7:00 A.M.  
Thomas Park Safe Room

ROLL CALL: Chair Scott Hansen, Mark Sanderson, Marilyn Tormey, Pam Munro,  
John Hager

ABSENT: Eddie Begley, Sunshine McDonald

STAFF: Mike Carolan, Mike Cimprich, Darcie Coberly

GUESTS: None

### Minutes

Minor corrections were requested by Hager. Moved by Sanderson and seconded by Tormey to approve the June 10, 2015, Tree Board minutes with corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

### Current Budget

The current balance is \$1,207.00. The invoice from Fleming Landscaping for \$5,250 for 40 trees planted on Tower Terrace Road was paid. Expenses totaling \$178.50 related to memorial trees were processed.

### Public Input

None.

### Sustainable Urban Forestry Assistance and Training

Staff highlighted the training on June 25 and 26 at Thomas Park. Four Trimble units are on loan to the City to complete the tree inventory.

The next trainings are July 9 at Hanna Park, July 10 at Donnelly Park, and July 30 at Oak Shade Cemetery.

### Budgeting Authority of the Tree Board

Carolan reviewed with the board the possibility of creating a document that outlines the authority of the Tree Board, City Council, and City Manager in regards to budget, contracts, purchases, and fee charges. Munro liked the idea of establishing the Board's authority and asked about what other communities do. Carolan said depending on the size of the community, some just make recommendations to the City Council and others have authority over their budgets. Hager asked how it would affect applying for grants. Carolan said resolutions of support would still need to be obtained from City Council. Carolan will draft some guidelines to be considered at a future meeting.

November Meeting Date

The regular Board meeting in November will fall on Veteran's Day, November 11, which is a City holiday. Moved by Munro and seconded by Hager to reschedule the regular November Tree Board meeting from November 11 to November 12, 2015, at 7 a.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Receive and File

None.

Other

Hager asked about the status of the 35<sup>th</sup> Street tree planting project. This would include the area from 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Tower Terrace Road. Due to the current active tree plantings, the 35<sup>th</sup> Street project is scheduled for 2016.

Hager noted that along 31<sup>st</sup> Street south of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue the right of ways are not very wide and homeowners have planted trees on private property.

Hager asked about planting trees in or around detention basins. Carolan said that request would go through the Public Services Department as they are responsible for the maintenance of the basins.

Board Discussion Time

None.

Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 12, 2015, 7:00 a.m. at the Thomas Park Maintenance Facility.

Moved by Hansen and seconded by Munro to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 a.m. All in favor, motion carried.

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John Hager, Secretary