

# FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES – June 18, 2019

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### In attendance:

Greg Zenker	Doug Prchal	Amy Sakariassen	Carolyn Godfread
Dave Mayer	Doug Wiles	Christy Ames-Davis	

### Absent:

Mitch Becker	Mark Zimmerman	Erik Dietrich	Brett Gurholt
Steve Mullen	Stan Churchill		

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by Doug Wiles. There was no quorum so approval of the minutes from the March meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

### Forestry update:

- Elm Firewood Inspections – Doug W reported the elm firewood inspections were completed the end of May. Inspections took longer this year due to the snow and shortage of staff. They are still doing final checks. There were 70 firewood piles that contain Elmwood.
- Removals – Doug W reported Forestry is focusing on removals this time of year to keep from pruning late spring before summer.
- Street Tree Pruning Contract – Doug W reported Beaver Creek Tree Service has the \$90,000 two year contract for street pruning. They are working in the areas of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street between Rosser and Divide. The Contractor has finished the project area 1 & 2. They are now working on project area 3. They are about 2/3 of the way through their contract. Most of the trees they are pruning are ash. They are waiting on pruning the elm until closer to Fall.
- Cankerworms – Doug W reported cankerworm is a native pest and observing a larger population of caterpillars this year than last year. They are primarily affecting boxelder & ash trees in native woodlands. Forestry will be investigating spraying next year in the western edge of town.
- Grants - Doug reported he was on the grant review committee for the Forest Service. Forestry had 1 grant submitted for planting on University Dr and it was approved. Parks & Rec had 2 grants approved for tree planting projects for Sibley Park & McDowell Dam.

### 2020 Budget Items :

- Doug W reported we still have 1 vacancy looking to fill. Forestry needs to replace the aerial lift truck, chipper truck and a pickup truck.

### 2019 NDSU Forest Service Grant updates:

- Doug W reported that forestry finished Tom O’Leary Grant Planting Project. It was inspected by ND Forest Service on 6/13/19. NDFS was impressed with the project.

### Dutch Elm Disease (Removals):

- Doug W reported that one of the boulevard trees tested positive for DED and was removed. None of the parks trees have tested positive for DED.

**Partners In Planting (PIP) :**

- Christy reported we have \$6,750 in sponsorships for PIP. Marathon Petroleum is a new sponsor for PIP. They contributed \$1,000 to the program. With City matching funds account balance is \$13,500. So far this year for PIP we have rebated 69 trees, with an average of \$66 per tree and \$4,600 rebated. Christy is continuing to issue planting permits for this year. Forestry is always looking for new sponsors for PIP.

**Weeds :**

- Doug reported there have been 137 weed complaints so far this year. Forestry has hired a part time person handling the weed complaints & he is working with John Arlien.

**Garden Club:**

- Doug W reported Carolyn Godfreed is donating her time to work with the Garden Club on 26<sup>th</sup> and Main and it looks great. Carolyn also praised forestry for all their help working with the Garden Club on 26<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Next FAB meeting will be Tuesday, September 17, 2019.