

Waverly Trees Forever Meeting
041419

Hartman, Anderson, Schmidt, Reisner, Cheville, Schares, Lenth

Treasurers Report; NA

1. Trees for Kids Grant

Schares announced Waverly was awarded a \$5,000 grant to cover the cost of Trees and mulch. The trees and mulch have been ordered from Tiedt Nursery. Planting date with middle school kids was discussed and will be May 15th or May 22nd (waiting on middle school confirmation). Cheville asked if anyone from group would be interested in leading a planting group. Schares said he would get exact locations for trees and a map for everyone at the April meeting. Trees Please matching grant was brought up and we are still waiting to hear weather the city has been awarded that grant for \$1,800 matching funds. The group was asked to help financially support the project to cover costs not included in the grants.

A motion was made by Anderson to support the planting projects up to \$4,000 out of pocket for Trees Forever. Schmidt 2nd the motion. The motion was carried with 7 yes and 0 no.

2. Discussion of the windbreak/screen planting at the Waverly Utilities 10th Ave. SW substation.

The planting would include a screening planted to the West of the already existing Conifers. 17 Arborvitae and 1 Hemlock tree to finish off the row that is there currently. Schmidt was concerned about underground utilities being in the way of the planting. Cheville will check with Water department and get exact locations of the underground utilities. Hartman will check with Waverly Utilities and get a broader idea of the reason for the planting.

3. The public Tree Inventory was talked about. Cheville mentioned that currently Waverly's tree inventory is on 3 separate systems. Cheville advised that having everything on one system would provide us with a great monitoring and maintenance tool. It was discussed if that was something that Trees Forever would help out with financially when the time came to purchase any needed equipment. No decision was made.

4. Waverly's was awarded the Tree City USA award again this year. The Tree City USA award luncheon was discussed to gauge interest of possible attendees.

5. Science Club Tree Sales were discussed. The pickup date of 5/10/19 330pm – 530pm and 5/11/19 8:00am-10:00am is set. Having a representative from Trees Forever at the pickup time would be great publicity.

6. The direction and future of the group was discussed after the retirement of Ray. It was advised to get a list of the things that Ray does behind the scenes for Trees Forever so other members can adjust to doing those duties. An idea that was presented was to reach out to other organizations in the community to find 1–2 individuals to join the group, with the possibility that they may not know a lot about trees, but are able to effectively run meeting or promote Trees Forever.

Next meeting April 11, 2019, 530pm

Need to finalize plans for May Trees for Kids planting.