

Waverly Trees Forever Meeting  
071119

Hartman, Cheville, Schares, Lenth, Ellinger

Cheville called meeting to order at 5:34pm

Reviewed minutes from last meeting.  
Trees for Kids planting  
Windbreak at 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SW Substation  
Science Club tree sale

Treasurers Report; NA

Was mentioned that the final amount Trees Forever covered for Spring planting was approx. \$850.00.

New Agenda items

1. Trees for Kids and spring planting update:  
We discussed the spring planting. Have had very minimal loss of trees. From the planting. They are getting care still. 4 trees from last year have been broken off either by wind or vandalism. City Golf course received the Arborvitae for a screening. It doesn't look like a Trees for Kids grant will be available next year. Mid-American may still have Trees Please, but City staff will need help funding trees from Trees Forever moving forward if we want to keep up the 'Re-Tree Waverly' program at good numbers. Smaller trees were easier to handle and care for. Water uptake is less. They require more stakes due to the top growth and weight.
2. Science Club Tree Sales were discussed. Having some of the species of trees we would like to plant around town on the Science Club tree list seemed to work well, and usually the size of the trees are just right. Was brought up that planning this for next year could help us 'Promote what we plant' We decided that we would like to have a representative of the Science Club attend at least one meeting to help plan the sale and species.
3. Private Ash Trees were discussed. Lenth led the discussion of possibly educating the public on how to deal with the dead Ash tree in their yard. Possible community education meeting. We talked about potential incentives or help for the public to remove their dead Ash trees. Lenth will reach out to other extension offices in other states to see if anyone has come up with any good plans for this. We still have the Tree rebate at local nursery's that can be used to replant for private properties. Another potential issue was mentioned was trying to get homeowners to replant after they remove their dead trees.
4. Fall planting ideas. Cheville talked about a visit with a high school student he has had about planting on Middle School grounds – waiting on a reply from Grounds Supervisor at the school. Other areas mentioned were Bremwood, Substation boxes, Hospital, Waverly Homes. Most of these have or had dead Ash trees. By next meeting this needs to be narrowed down some. City staff mentioned that they have their hands full currently watering close to 300 trees that have been in the ground 3 years or less and would rather not have the maintenance tasks involved in a Fall Planting this year.

5. Future of the group was talked about. We decided on not electing an 'Officials' right now. Cheville will continue to organize monthly meetings for now. The possibility of a "Community Visioning Committee" being set up was talked about. This would include members of Trees Forever and other outside individuals from around the community to gain feedback to help guide the direction of our group moving forward. This maybe able to be done in winter months.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm

Next meeting Aug 8th, 2019, 530pm

Fall Planting

Science Club tree species

Community Visioning committee ideas

Public outreach on Private Ash trees update and discussion