

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

None

**ARBORIST REPORT:**

**Spring Tree Planting**

Bids went out for Spring Tree Planting on January 13, 2020 and are due back on January 31, 2020. Twenty-six trees are to be planted in Beljon Farms, finishing up Phase 1 for this development. Forty-three trees are scheduled to be planted in Hawthorn Estates and 28 trees are to be planted city-wide, including parks and memorial trees. Trees should be in the ground by May 10, 2020. Purchasing of memorial trees ends March 31, 2020.

**Tree Maintenance**

Spring tree maintenance bids were submitted on January 10, 2020. A total of 548 trees are to be pruned/trained on trees located in Chatham Estates, The Woods of Aurora and the Highlands. The results are as follows:

Northeast Tree and Crane	\$14,981.00
The Davey Tree Expert Company	\$ 7,260.00
Falls Tree Experts	\$ 5,684.25

Met with the Forman from Falls Tree on Tuesday and did a walk thru of subdivision trees.

**Tree Museum**

- Ordered 90 trees for museum.
- Ordered and built 6 park benches.
- Spray trees with deer repellent every other week.
- Working on updating sign information, mainly Family signs.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Calendar Review**

- The February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at City Hall
- The March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at City Hall
- The April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be at City Hall
- May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:15 pm Arbor Day will be celebrated at Leighton Elementary
- Tree City USA is June 11, 2020.
- No meeting in June
- Landscape Awards presented at 6/22 City Council meeting (letters to be sent out first week of May)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Organizational/ Election of Officers  
Need to Grow  
Community Garden

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Laura is going to put Deb in contact with the committee for the Community Garden to talk about how to use Bio Char. Ideas include planting in a CG plot as an experiment (half Bio Char, half regular soil) and bringing examples to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July booth.

Mr. Vaca asked about looking into a Christmas tree recycling program similar to what other cities are doing. Drop off sites. This could be used towards the "Growth Award".

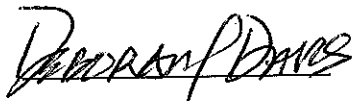
Deb discussed ways to honor Arbor Day winners. Will need to discuss further, get approval to use pictures, etc.

Ms. Sickinger suggested that we do a Nature Snowman contest at Moebius Nature Center.

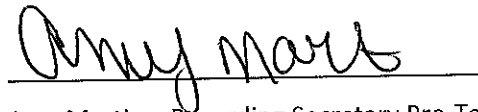
Laura mentioned the NEO Master Rain Gardener Course, Amy will email flyer to committee in case they are interested.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Ms. Pease moved to adjourn and Mr. Vaca seconded. All in favor with a voice vote 7-0.  
The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Deborah Davis – Chairman



Amy Martin – Recording Secretary Pro-Tem