

Minutes
Carthage Tree Board

March 2, 2021
4:00 pm.
Parks Department Office

Tree Board Members Present: Noah Smith, Renae Brownfield, Robert Balek, Bryan Stringer

Members Absent: Jory Mertens

Non-Members Present: Kailey Williams, Jon Skinner

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm

Renae Brownfield made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion passed.

1. Arbor Day Planning

April 27 is the planned day to host Arbor Day at eleven O'clock. Jon Skinner is holding a Black Oak tree for the planting at Columbian School for Arbor Day that Brian Bradley will pick up and deliver. One hundred twenty-five Redbud seedlings have been ordered and will arrive the second week in April for each of the kids to take home.

2. Discuss and review the City Ordinance for the Tree Board to go to City Council.

Each tree board member received a copy of the city ordinance to read and review at the last meeting. Notes were made and discussed adding, removing, and changing parts of the ordinance. Jon Skinner is making edits and will have the final draft ready for the next meeting on April 6. Mr. Skinner is also adding a new section outlining "Damage to Public Trees." Mr. Balek is finalizing the tree list, and it will be prepared for a council bill.

Other Business-

Mr. Stringer mentioned that the City of Carthage did not have a tree listed as the city tree. The tree board decided that the Sugar Maple should be suggested as the city's official tree to go with "Maple Leaf City."

Mr. Smith went through the list of events briefly that the board has mentioned from previous meetings for 2021. Events are still being planned out and will start happening in the warmer months coming.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:04 pm.