

JOHNSON TREE BOARD
Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 17, 2019

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Johnson Library

Present: Sue Lovering, , Noel Dodge, Brian Vandorn, Jacob Vandorn, Dorcas Jones

Absent: Rob Maynard. Louise von Weise

During the last board meeting, we discussed getting an app for keeping track of the list of trees that are our responsibility. Noel now has this app on his phone and demonstrated some of its uses. This app, called Urban Tree Inventory Tool Guide, uses area maps of the Forest, Parks and Rec Dept and has the inventory list of Johnson trees that was established here in 2014. Elise is the tech assist coordinator and there are a number of options available to keep track of a variety of items that will be useful.

Arbor Day Conference will be held on May 2nd and Sue, Rob, Brian and Jacob will be able to attend. The \$120 cost of the tickets was within the amount budgeted. Sue will present on an EAB panel in one of the sessions, so will not have to pay for a ticket.

We intend to celebrate Arbor Day here on Friday, May 3rd, but planning is incomplete at this point since potential participants have not responded to our inquiries yet.

It was decided at the March meeting to plant a Silver Linden for Arbor Day, which has been ordered from Horsford Nursery. It may not arrive on time; if not, we will go to Horsford on the morning of the 3rd and pick up a replacement tree. When the Linden arrives, it'll be planted.

The Linden's cost did not fit into the amount budgeted for a tree. In order to make it happen, an anonymous donation of \$100 was given to the Tree Board by a generous citizen, who has the heartfelt thanks of the Board.

Spring maintenance scheduling was discussed. We will start with the Legion Field where a great many crabapple trees with suckers exist. A walk-around was proposed where we will check on maintenance for existing trees and decide on locations for future trees to be planted. It was agreed that we will all work individually when possible to get maintenance done.

A site in the cemetery on Rte 100C will be investigated for a new planting.

The Amur Maackia, a hardy tree suited to sidewalk pit planting, was discussed as the next tree to plant when a salt tolerant species is needed.

There was a discussion for a site for the proposed mini-arboretum. The Duba Field, a town owned property located near the Gihon River will be explored as a possibility.

We received safety vests to be used by all volunteers when working. A motion was made and passed to buy enough new vests that everyone can have one. Sue will do that.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be on May 15, 2019 - location TBA
Submitted by Dorcas Jones