

JOHNSON TREE BOARD
Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 21, 2018

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Johnson Public Library

Present: Sue Lovering, Rob Maynard, Noel Dodge, Dorcas Jones

Absent: Louise von Weise

The minutes of the November 2017 were read and approved.

Sue was told that our budget may be reduced. We have a balance of \$500 in the bank now and \$500 will be added on July 1, 2018. We will know more about any budget reduction after the next Johnson Select Board meeting.

We discussed trees that could be planted in the small park in front of the cemetery where 100C and Main Street intersect. A resistant elm was suggested and we will investigate availability and price.

We discussed what type of tree would be appropriate to replace the dead one in front of the Downtown Restaurant. Suggestions included a ginkgo or a linden – choice TBD.

Maplefields needs a suggestion for a tree replacement and we thought maybe a Kentucky coffee tree would be good. We will decide a type at the next meeting.

Arbor Day is Friday 5/4/18. To plan for this, we discussed possibly involving either elementary school kids, 4H groups or home schooled students. We will look into either morning or afternoon sessions and who might be able and willing to help.

We discussed watering the trees this summer and decided to create a plan after the snow goes. The equipment we need is all here in Sue's shed – tarps, generator, two pumps, twelve gator bags, two barrels and hoses. We decided we need a separate meeting to go over the equipment and use. We still need hose splitters.

As previously discussed, we need a trailer to help with the watering and Noel may have access to one (4' x 8') we could use. He will investigate.

Mulch that has been ordered and paid for at B & B Nurseries will be delivered this spring.

Sue will ask the Johnson Beautification Committee if they have any interest or money to help us out with purchasing trees or any other specific items. We need to care for them.

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Items to consider next on our pruning schedule were discussed:

- 1) The trees on the Legion Field were started previously but not finished. There are many with a lot of sucker growth which should be removed.
- 2) We have been told that the birches in front of the Sterling Market should be trimmed over the sidewalk.

We will plan to take care of these items after our next meeting during the last two weeks in April.

We would like to hold a Community Work Day to encourage interest in taking care of Johnson's trees. We need ideas for how to accomplish this and what specific projects would work to this end. We'll try to come up with some useful thoughts before our next meeting.

We would like some input from the people involved with the Skate Park to decide what to do about the trees that are dead or dying. We also need to help establish some guidelines on how to take care of the trees that are there and involve the kids who are using and enjoying the facility.

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be April 18, 2018 – location TBA

Submitted by Dorcas Jones