

Minutes
Forestry Board
City of Strathmoor Manor
Meeting - February 5, 2016

Attending: Kathy Zandona, Chairperson; Susan Stopher, City Clerk; Ron Hirsch; and Nick Clifton.

Actions—

Zandona reported that \$25,844.76 total was spent on trees. This includes \$12,185 to Greenhaven for pruning and removal and \$12,659.76 to 3 companies for 39 trees. \$8705 is still budgeted for this year. In a separate category, \$10,000 is budgeted for benches.

One Willow Oak will be planted upon removal of a stump on Eleanor at Lowell. This stump has a steel rod at its center. Clifton has solicited a bid and Zandona will contact 2 other companies.

Zandona will contact Frank Otte's about filling in easement holes and seeding them.

Clifton will add the new trees to the spreadsheet.

Greenhaven will trim trees in late April or May.

Notices to homeowners about new trees and watering requirements will be distributed.

New trees will be planted in the Park and Circle next Fall.

A plan for the Park will be developed. Considerations include keeping the green space open, removing the Bradford pear, properly pruning the bushes in the 4 corners or replacing them, eliminating the muddy areas next to the 4 corner berms, reducing and improving maintenance, and incorporating 4 benches.

A plan for the Circle will be developed. Considerations include adding trees and other landscaping, adding 2 benches, evaluating the white pine, and reducing maintenance.

Watering of plantings will be considered by locating hydrants and discovering if a metered watering procedure can be done.

The Tree City USA signs will be eliminated, since this program has no tree funding and many paperwork requirements.

The Forestry Board will meet on the following dates at 6 pm at the Republic Bank Building: April 28th, July 28th, and October 27th.