

Minutes
Forestry Committee
1-12-23

Meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

Roll was called. John, Dennis, Dan, Laurie, and Erik were present. As well as Amy Walters in the audience.

There was no address from the public.

Laurie moved to approve the minutes of the 12-8-22 meeting, Dennis seconded, passed.

New business discussed included:

- General update
 - o The forester will be gone all of the week of the 22nd at conferences.
 - o The NDSU extension finally got a new extension agent, she should be joining our committee at one of the soon coming meetings.
 - o The "Tree Plotter" tree inventory software has been purchased and is in the process of migration of data from the state site to ours.
 - o The forester's involvement in the JVCTC ag advisory committee was discussed as well as some of the topics being discussed at those meetings as of late.
- The payment from the state for the 2020 ATB grant reimbursement mix-up (Amy is awaiting further instructions from the state on this. Erik will look into it further.)
- Discussion about the urban forest master plan, and the creation of a group to work on it.
 - o It was decided that an ad hoc committee be created. This committee would consist of 1 Parks and Recreation employee, 3 Forestry committee members, 3 community members at large, 1 representative from the Jamestown Public School system, and the city forester. It was decided that the goal for a start date for the ad hoc committee to commence work on the Urban Forest Master Plan would be March 1st. With a goal of a July 31st completion date. It is expected that the ad hoc committee would meet twice monthly until completed. This would most likely take place on either Thursday or Monday evenings for 1 to 2 hours. Upon completion there will be 1 or two public input meetings before going to the forestry committee for approval for implementation in the forestry department, and finally introduced as an informational at the city council meeting.
 - o The forester will write up the general description of the purpose of the committee, and the expectations, commitment, and goals in regard to joining the committee. This description should be completed and submitted to the forestry committee for critique, so that it is ready for the next forestry committee, and hopefully be able to have members ready by that meeting for the official creation and appointment of the members to it.
- Dan brought forward a concern for one tree. He also would like to see some ID tags on either/both park and city trees.

No old business was covered.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dan, was seconded by John, and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on February 9, at 3:30 p.m. in the council chambers.