

Minutes
Forestry Committee
1-11-24

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

Roll was called. Ashley Wolff, Amy Walters, John Zvirovski, Laurie Podoll, and Erik Laber were present.

There was no address from the public.

Laurie moved to approve the minutes of the 11-9-23 meeting, with the amendment that she was present at the last meeting, which was not reflected properly in the minutes as presented. John seconded, passed.

New business discussed included:

- The forester gave a general update on the activities of November and December of 2023. This included the Klaus park bridge tree removals, a note that the forester was gone the last two weeks of the year, broken tree branches will not be collected from the boulevards nor will the trees be pruned, as private property and adjoining rights-of-way are the responsibility of the property owner, the ordinance will need to be reviewed and updated this year, and there is a new member of the ufmp subcommittee.
- Amy made some inquiries about the reparations for the storm damaged trees on park lands and requested to be kept in the loop on potential FEMA funds. She and the forester helped clarify some questions that were made regarding the footbridge project. Some inquiries were made on the timeline for the UFMP completion and process for completion.

Old business included:

- Laurie gave an update on the thank you for Tex. Getting in contact with him has been difficult.
- Amy suggested that we could plant a tree with a dedication in honor of Tex. This was met with agreement on doing so. Instead of a city council meeting, it was discussed to have a special arbor day event in honor of Tex's many years planting and caring for trees in Jamestown and Stutsman County. This could either be on actual arbor day or on Jamestown's arbor day in the fall.

Other business discussed was whether the need was there for a February meeting. The forester will review this and get back to the group by the end of the week. An email will be sent regarding this. Laurie and John stated that they could help with ordinance review.

The motion to adjourn was made by John, was seconded by Laurie, and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.