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AGENDA ITEMS:

ITEM NO. 1  APPROVAL of June 4, 2019 Minutes

ITEM NO. 2  2019 Financials

ITEM NO. 3  Trees
   1. Removals – Quantity, crews responsible
   2. Replacements – Quantity, type, crews responsible

ITEM NO. 4  Ash tree status – quantity, removals, any remaining

ITEM NO. 5  2020 Financials

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NEXT MEETING

March 3, 2019

ADJOURNMENT
PEORIA URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019
12:00 P.M.

DATES SET:

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020 @ 12:00 p.m.
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING – To be held at the Lester D. Bergsten Operations & Maintenance Building, Conference Room #113, 3505 N. Dries Lane, Peoria, Illinois 61604.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020 @ 12:00 p.m.
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING – To be held at the Lester D. Bergsten Operations & Maintenance Building, Conference Room #113, 3505 N. Dries Lane, Peoria, Illinois 61604.

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THE PEORIA URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD MEETS IN REGULAR BUSINESS SESSIONS THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH (JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER) AT 12:00 P.M. AT LESTER D. BERGSTEN OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FACILITY CONFERENCE ROOM, 3505 N. DRIES LANE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

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MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CITY OF PEORIA
: PEORIA URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD :

June 4, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the City of Peoria's Urban Forestry Advisory Board convened at 12:05 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at the Lester D. Bergsten Operations & Maintenance Facility located at 3505 N. Dries Lane, Conference Room 113, Peoria, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Urban Forestry Advisory Board Members in attendance:

**Members Present:** Sie Maroon, Matt Freeman, Ella Maxwell, Doug McCarty, Amy McLaren, Randy Swenson, Michael Wilkins – 7

**Members Absent:** Mike Price – 1

Others in attendance included Ms. Becky Cobb, Mrs. Dane Wilkins (guest), Public Works Program Supervisor Shawn Johnson, PeoriaCorp Crew Supervisor Darren Graves and Administrative Assistant Patti Pitcher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Everyone introduced themselves and welcomed the new members – Doug McCarty and Randy Swenson.
- Ms. Maxwell reported the [University of Illinois] Extension is putting together an online tree-type program which goes live in July 2019. The goal is for participants to help their respective community in some capacity regarding trees through community service hours. A number of people in the Tri-County area will be seeking opportunities for community service hours as a result and this Committee could avail ourselves to them for future tree-related (only) projects. No objections.
- Mr. Maroon stated Master Gardener Polly Wagner maintains the War Memorial and Knoxville flower garden now, but there are other areas where volunteers are needed. The City will purchase the plants and ensure they are watered [but volunteers are needed for planting and weeding on a regular basis].
- The City is removing Ash trees but not replacing them as quickly as removing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

**ITEM NO. 1** APPROVAL of October 3, 2017 MINUTES

Mr. Maroon explained it's been difficult to get a quorum on a regular basis, so we are just now approving the meeting minutes from October 2017.
Ms. Maxwell mentioned the 2017 Presenter, Beth Corrigan [Morton Arboretum Community Trees Program Specialist], is still available as a resource.
Ms. Maxwell moved to approve the Minutes of October 3, 2017; seconded by Mr. Swenson.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Maroon summarized the Board’s history for the new members:

- Meetings previously held monthly with a 12-member requirement. Because quorum often couldn’t be met, Council approved reducing membership to 8 members in 2017.

- Additionally, as of September 2018, meetings are now held quarterly - the first Tuesday of the third month of the Quarter – March, June, September, December – in an effort to have quorum each time.

- Today’s attendance is encouraging, but the membership officers still need to be elected. Mr. Maroon would still serve as the City liaison and, if need be, Ms. Pitcher could still serve as Recording Secretary, but officer roles must be established and fulfilled by the membership. No objections.

ITEM NO. 3 2019 GOALS and future TOPICS of DISCUSSION.

The Tree Ordinance finally passed. It was suggested the PUFAB participate in Home Builders, ICC Gardening Day, HOI Fair and similar events to educate the public. Ms. McLaren also suggested Career Day in October.

Arbor Day is every April and, in partnership with Southwest Kiwanis, tree are planted. For the past few years, tree planting has occurred on the Peoria riverfront which is now up-to-date so Constitution Gardens is the next location to receive trees. Ms. McLaren questioned if there was any opportunity to include these as a budget item. Mr. Maroon stated there aren’t any projects established in order to do so.

General discussion was had for the benefit of the new members. The City does not currently have a certified Arborist on staff; however, King Tree is the on-call Arborist should the need arise to avoid any conflict of interest. PUFAB members are welcome to contact City staff directly or Mr. Maroon or Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson mentioned the PeoriaCorps group’s goal is to plant trees. Mr. Graves, who oversees the group, encourages trees and educating the public regarding the benefit of trees.

Mr. Swenson, a City of Peoria retiree, stated there are 15,000 to 16,000 trees in the City’s right-of-way. He also noted, however, the City is lacking in follow-up with pruning of recently-planted trees. Mr. Graves clarified his group (PeoriaCorps) is currently working on that, but reactive to pruning. Mr. Maroon added that, despite the volume of trees in the right-of-way, there are some areas without any trees in the medians.

Discussion was had on the need to establish a Strategic Plan, essentially dividing the City into sections for easier manageability. Mr. Maroon explained there’s a budget for tree replacements, but it comes down to staffing and time as well as unsafe and/or emergency storm removals being a priority.
Mr. Wilkins stated the next few years will be even worse as Ash trees really fall apart at about age six or seven. The Emerald Ash Borer weakened trees which is the main cause of falls/injuries creating a backlog for the City of Peoria. Mr. Maroon stated safety is a priority as well, not just the Ash trees. The City has experienced very large and green Maples and Elms that have simply uprooted due to the wetter Springs saturating the ground. When trees achieve a critical stress point, it doesn't take much to cause a total fail.

Further discussion was had regarding the Spruce, Cottonwoods and Evergreen issues in 2016. Mr. Johnson explained 1" or 2" trees are used in the heavier areas, typically purchased from either Hoerr Nursery or Sheridan Nursery, but more mature trees in certain areas. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Graves assured the Committee that every tree planting is J.U.L.I.E.'d.

Ms. Cobb suggested PUFAB should be involved with the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project regarding plantings. General consensus is that PUFAB to be consulted for City projects, similar to iTeam involvement recently. No objections.

Ms. McLaren asked if PUFAB could be consulted at the design stage when Engineering considers a plan. Mr. Maroon agreed, stating we can request to see plans and be a part of those conversations. No objections. It was noted PUFAB wasn't consulted regarding the red buds planted along the new construction along Northmoor, for example. Mr. Swenson noted Engineering contractors plant the trees with braces but then don't follow-up accordingly.

**ITEM NO. 4 Discussion Regarding RECOMMENDED and NON-RECOMMENDED TREE PLANTING LISTS and REVIEW of the STATE OF ILLINOIS NOXIOUS WEEDS LIST for ADOPTION.**

Copies of Community lands screening Ordinance to be sent to new members.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled Peoria Urban Forestry Advisory Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at noon**. Ms. Pitcher reminded the Committee this will be the day after the Labor Day holiday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mr. Freeman made a Motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. McCarty. The Board meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

[Signature]
Chairman, Ste P. Maroon