

**CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA**  
**MINUTES OF THE TREE ADVISORY BOARD**

**Monday, March 21, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City of Saint Peter Tree Advisory Board was conducted at Public Works Office, Conference Room.

A quorum present, Board Chair Barb Regner called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Trish Hiscock-Austin, Al Christensen, Brian Fremo, Rachelle Fuller, Samuel Mendoza, Darrell Pettis, Ceceli Polzin, Dustin Sharstrom. The following Board Members were absent: K. Angelique Dwyer and Hayley Russell. The following ex-officios were present: Pete Moulton, Director of Public Works and Joey Schugel, Director of Recreation and Leisure.

**Visitors** – Joel Schmidt, Maintenance Superintendent and Angie Glassel, Administrative Secretary.

**Approval of Agenda** – Al Christianson made a motion, seconded by Darrell Pettis, to approve the agenda. With all in favor, the agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes** – Brian Fremo made a motion, seconded by Ceceli Polzin, to approve the June 15, 2020, and November 16, 2020, minutes. With all in favor, the minutes were approved.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

A. Forestry Program Overview – Joel Schmidt, shared with the Advisory Board about the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (DoA) expected response from our community related to Ash Trees since Nicollet County has now been designated with Emerald Ash Borer. Schmidt discussed the following with the Board.

1. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan (plan attached/brochure)
  - May 17, 2022, Lunch n' Learn 11:00 AM, Community Center
  - May 19, 2022, Public Tree Planting – Watch for further details.

Schmidt also supplied reports on:

2. 2021 Urban Forest Report (attached) – Schmidt shared with the Advisory Board the criteria staff uses for injecting trees while following the EAB Management Plan.
3. 2022 Urban Forest Goals (attached) – Schmidt shared with the Advisory Board the goals moving forward and the acceptance of a DNR grant for planting trees over the next five years.
4. Arbor Day Event – April 28, 2022, Tree Plating at Gorman Park (flyer attached).

B. Environmental Services Program

1. Compost Program
  - Volumes – Schmidt shared that the volume of materials trucked to the Kasota site has dropped 20-25% from previous years due to implementation of a “sticker access” requirement and having our Park Ranger watch the drop-off site. In 2021, there was approximately 10,000 cubic yards of tree brush that was disposed of at the Kasota Site and approximately 2,000 cubic yards of leaves and grass clippings for composting.
  - Stickers were initiated in 2021 to all Saint Peter utility customers for the drop off site.

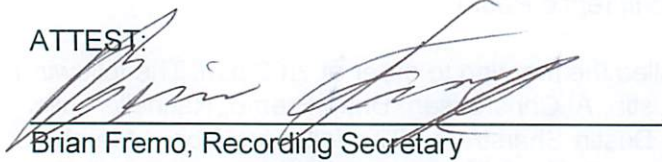
- Compost Site – Kasota
- Swift Street Drop Off Site

**Adjournment** – Brian Fremo made a motion, seconded by Al Christianson to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Barb Regner, Chair

ATTEST:



Brian Fremo, Recording Secretary

Note: Secretary signs when approved at next meeting, whether or not secretary was at the actual meeting. Chairperson attests to the signature.