

A special meeting of the Tree Board of the City of Seward, Nebraska was held on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Seward Memorial Library, (Main Level Conference Room), 233 S 5th St, Seward, which meeting will be open to the public. Present: Larry Goldsmith, Kregg Einspahr, Charles Matzke, Thomas Suhr, and Ken Schmieding. Absent: None. Others in Attendance: City Engineer Mike Oneby and Assistant Park Director Brent Petersen.

Notice of meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in the following places” City Hall, Civic Center and Seward Public Library. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were while convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

1. TREES ON CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY (FOR REMOVAL):

- a. 339 South Columbia (2 Ash)
- b. 436 South 1St. (Ash)
- c. 508 South 1St. (Hackberry)
- d. 333 N 1St. (Hackberry)
- e. 914 N. 6TH (2 Maple)
- f. 712 N. 6TH (Maple)
- g. 324 N. 8TH (Elm)
- h. 216 N. 8TH (Elm)
- i. 3RD and Roberts (Ash)
- j. Between 6TH and 5TH Northside (Ash)

Moved by Goldsmith, seconded by Einspahr to approve the removal of trees at: 339 South Columbia (2 Ash), 436 South 1St. (Ash), 508 South 1St. (Hackberry), 333 N 1St. (Hackberry), 914 N. 6TH (2 Maple), 712 N. 6TH (Maple), 324 N. 8TH (Elm), 216 N. 8TH (Elm), 3RD and Roberts (Ash), Between 6TH and 5TH Northside (Ash).

Aye: Goldsmith, Einspahr, Matzke, Schmieding, Suhr

Nay: None

Absent: None - Motion carried.

2. DISCUSSION OF ASH TREE BORER

Currently waiting for weather to change to see updated damage/infestation.

3. DISCUSSION OF REMOVING ASH TREES FROM 3455 PROGRESSIVE RD. SEWARD, NE 68434

Motion by Goldsmith, Seconded by Einspahr to recommend to the city to deliver a letter to the owner of the property 3455 Progressive Rd. Seward, NE 68434 to request the removal of 2 Ash trees which have been identified by the Nebraska Forest Service to be infested with the Emerald Ash Borer within 60 days.

Aye: Goldsmith, Einspahr, Matzke, Schmieding, Suhr

Nay: None

Absent: None - Motion carried.

4. DISCUSSION OF TREES TO BE REMOVED FROM THE APPROVED STREET TREE SPECIES PLANTING LIST

- Autumn Blaze Flowering Pear
- Chanticleer Flowering Pear
- Prairie Fire Crab Apple Tree
- Red Sunset Maple

Motion made by Goldsmith, seconded by Schmieding for the removal of the Autumn Blaze Flowering Pear, Chanticleer Flowering Pear, Prairie Fire Crab Apple Tree & Red Sunset Maple from the Approved Street Tree Species Planting List

Aye: Goldsmith, Einspahr, Matzke, Schmieding, Suhr

Nay: None

Absent: None - Motion carried.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion of Approved Street Tree Species List Brochure
- Discussion of Recommended New Christmas Tree on Courthouse Lawn
- Review the removal of 2 trees at between 1059 Plainview and 1129 Plainview for new construction/driveway construction.
- Arbor Day Program/Friend of Tree Award
- Discussion of Adding trees to the Approved Street Tree Planting List
 - Accolade Elm

6. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Minutes (Oct. 13, 2020, Nov. 10, 2020 & Dec. 8, 2020)

Motion made by Goldsmith, second by Einspahr

Aye: Goldsmith, Einspahr, Matzke, Schmieding, Suhr

Nay: None

Absent: None - Motion carried.

7. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Goldsmith, second by Schmieding

Aye: Goldsmith, Einspahr, Matzke, Schmieding, Suhr

Nay: None

Absent: None - Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:25pm.