

The regular meeting of the Tree Board of the City of Seward, Nebraska was held on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Seward Memorial Library, (Main Level Conference Room), 233 S 5th St, Seward, which meeting will be open to the public. Present: Larry Goldsmith, Gregg Einspahr & Thomas Suhr. Absent: Charles Matzke & Ken Schmieding. Others in Attendance: City Engineer Mike Oneby.

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. Discussion to approve the removal of two trees at 1117 Plainview Avenue to allow for construction of a driveway to a new housing unit that is being built.
 - a. Moved by Goldsmith, seconded by Suhr to approve the removal of two trees at 1117 Plainview Avenue to allow for construction of a driveway to a new housing unit that is being built with a contingency to try and keep one tree depending on construction needs.

Aye: Goldsmith, Einspahr, Suhr
Nay: None
Absent: Matzke, Schmieding
Motion carried.
2. a. Discussion of removing the Ohio Buckeye, Shagbark Hickory, & Butternut Hickory trees from the approved Street Tree List.
 - i. Moved by Goldsmith, seconded by Einspahr to remove the Ohio Buckeye, Shagbark Hickory, & Bitternut Hickory trees from the approved Street Tree List.

Aye: Goldsmith, Einspahr, Suhr
Nay: None
Absent: Matzke, Schmieding
Motion carried.
 - b. Discussion of adding Hills Oak/Northern Pin Oak, Bur Oak, Regal Prince Oak, & Shumard’s Oak trees to the approved Street Tree List.
 - ii. Moved by Goldsmith, seconded by Einspahr to add the Hills Oak/Northern Pin Oak, Bur Oak, Regal Prince Oak, & Shumard’s Oak trees to the approved Street Tree List.

Aye: Goldsmith, Einspahr, Suhr
Nay: None
Absent: Matzke, Schmieding
Motion carried.

- c. Discussion of updating the approved Street Tree List from using common names to using specific tree cultivars/botanical names.
 - iii. This item will create more uniformity between the City of Seward and tree nurseries. (please see attached for complete updated list)
 - iv. Moved by Goldsmith, seconded by Suhr to update the approved Street Tree List from using common names to using specific tree cultivars/botanical names.

Aye: Goldsmith, Einspahr, Suhr

Nay: None

Absent: Matzke, Schmieding

Motion carried.

3. Discussion of a street tree brochure

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-Suggestions/Recommendations from Board

- a. Expand re-leaf program to include front yards.
- b. Potential yard tree recommendations.

5. CONSENT ITEMS –

- a. Minutes (March 8, 2021)
- b. Motion to amend the Nov. 10, 2020 minutes from Kregg Einspahr being absent to present at the meeting.

Aye: Goldsmith, Einspahr, Suhr

Nay: None

Absent: Matzke, Schmieding

Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 6:32 p.m.