

The regular meeting of the Tree Board of the City of Seward, Nebraska was held on Tuesday, July 9th, 2024, 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, Chuck Matzke, Ken Schmieding, and Thomas Suhr. Absent: Kregg Einspahr. Others in Attendance: Mike Oneby, Bob Miers, Rich Wergin

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 advance notice of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were while convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Seward Memorial Library for public inspection.

1. Re-Leaf Program Marketing - Discussion

- With the current threat of Emerald Ash Borer as well as recent winter kill of trees. There has been/will be a significant number of trees within the municipality that will need to be removed. Chairman Suhr brought forth the beginning stages of creating a flyer and/or postcard to send to residents within the community about the re-leaf program and the benefits of trees.

2. Trees for Removal – Discussion/Action

- Motion made by Goldsmith to approve the removal of the listed trees. Seconded by Suhr.
Aye: Matzke, Goldsmith, Schmieding, Suhr.
Nay: None
Absent: Einspahr.
Motion carried.

3. Dead/Diseased Trees on Private Property – Discussion

- Motion made by Goldsmith to approve the removal of 4 pear trees in the right of way at 2222 N 4th st. to improve driver line of sight and snow removal operations. Seconded by Suhr.
Aye: Matzke Goldsmith, Schmieding, Suhr.
Nay: None.
Absent: Einspahr.
Motion carried.

4. Dead/Diseased Trees on Private Property – Discussion

- With the Emerald Ash Borer being significantly present within the city, chairman Suhr would like to remind the board and public of the following city ordinances: 284-1.3.
 - o 284-1.3A - it is hereby declared a nuisance for a property owner to permit, allow, or maintain any dead or diseased trees within the right-of-way of streets within the corporate limits of the municipality.
 - o 284-1.3B - It is hereby declared a nuisance for a property owner to permit, allow, or maintain any dead or diseased trees on private property within the corporate limits of the municipality.
 - o 364-1.7 - All trees and shrubs within the municipality shall be pruned or removed when such trees or shrubs constitute a hazard to life and property, or harbor insects or disease which constitutes a threat to other trees or shrubs within the City.

Future Agenda Items – Suggestions/Reccomendations

- 50/50 cost share program or full tree replacement for residences who lost trees to the highway expansion project.
- Reduce caliper size requirement for Releaf program to 1 ¾" or less.

5. Consent Items

- Motion made by Matzke to accept the October 17, 2023 Minutes. Seconded by Suhr.

Aye: Matzke Goldsmith, Schmieding, Suhr

Nay: None

Absent: Einspahr - Motion carried

Meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm

2024 Tree List

3rd and seward	1 ash
jackson and hwy 15	2 ash
old clinic on 3rd	2 ash
1st and jackson	5 ash
2nd and seward	1 ash
4th and jackson	3 ash
1st and roberts	2 ash
2nd and bradford	1 ash
1st and Seward	1 ash
3rd and bradford	1 ash
1st and south	1 ash
7th and bradford	1 ash
336 roberts	1 pin oak
8th and roberts	2 ash
columbia and jackson	1 pin oak
1st and lincoln	1 pin oak
543 south 1st	1 ash
BEK PARK	2 ?
2nd and jackson	1 ash
3rd and roberts	2 ash
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Hillcrest and Eastridge	2
8th and bradford	2
1210 eastridge	1 ash
2nd and hillcrest	1 pin oak
129 east roberts	1 ash
2nd and moffit	1 ash
1st and bradford	1 ash
346 south 1st	1 ash
536 south 1st	1 maple
roberts and locust	1 pinoak
508 south 2nd	1 ash
6th and jackson	1 ash