

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF BAYFIELD TREE BOARD
HELD AT BAYFIELD CITY HALL ON *March 23, 2015 at 9 AM*

- ***In Attendance:***
 - Jane Edwards, Jake Geisler, Gene Brevold, Grandon Harris, Howard Paap, Art Ode
 - The agenda and minutes of the last meeting were approved as discussed.
- ***Old Business:***
 - Reviewed (3) Boulevard Tree requests.
 - Fort McNair hybrid buckeyes are unavailable this spring, we will replace missing trees on 6th St (Hwy, 13) with Ohio buckeyes.
- ***New Business:***
 - The cutting down of old pine trees on Hwy. 13 between the Sioux and Onion Rivers was discussed at length and the committee decided we should bring attention to in in a number of ways, perhaps at the tri-city mayoral level, since so many trees were cut down and the highway is a Scenic Byway. Ode will draft a suitable statement and discuss the same with Mayor MacDonald with the approach that an unfortunate incident can often be a beneficial introduction to new approaches to problems, perhaps a joint tree committee or eventually a shared city forester position. Howard may write an article for the newspaper as well.
 - Ode shared with the committee a letter written to the State Budget Committee stating the Tree Board's position that start-up Urban Forestry grants for tree inventories and planning, as well as for planting of trees, have been very beneficial to Bayfield and other small communities and should not be abandoned.
 - Tree Board members were encouraged to suggest locations for new trees, and also to recommend trees to be included in a list of Bayfield Heritage Trees
 - The Board approved purchasing and planting dwarf lilacs in an unobtrusive way on the corner of 6th St. and Wilson Ave. as it is a prominent entrance to town and in need of beautification.
- ***Next meeting:*** April 27, 2015, 9:00 AM at City Hall.

Submitted
Art Ode