

Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board Minutes



**Thursday, February 28th, 2013
Auburn City Hall Conference Room**

Members present: Richard Shea, Dave Griswold, Dan Bilodeau, Bruce Damon, Doug Boyd

Members absent: Steve Murch, Paula Masselli, Scott Riccio, Jay Braunscheidel-excused

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of January were approved.

LACFB Minutes

Getting this month's minutes out as soon as they were ready was discussed. It was voted to sent out a "rough draft" soon as Jay would not be able to edit them anyway.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce met with from Heather Hunter about the money raised from the Forest Management Plan in Lewiston. They discussed the steps necessary for the board to access the funds that are around \$9000. The board would create a budget and present it to Heather and the city manager. They would make adjustments that they believe necessary and then present it to the city council for action. We would need to have a special meeting as a board and make a tentative budget. We need Steve's input as to what is already in his regular arborist's budget and what is the schedule of future harvests. Dave will check with Jay to see if the 7th or 14th of March is best. Some of the thoughts that were expressed during the discussion were:

- use some of funds for grants that require 50-50 matching
- set aside some funds earned each year to cover expenses during year when no cutting is planned
- the park in front of the Community Little Theater could benefit from new trees
- if a large expense is needed we should budget some funds each year for it
- there should be a place at the table for the city arborists/public works, Auburn School Department, water district education person, and a moderator

Project Canopy Grant and Tree City USA Application

We will need to follow-up to see if Jay and Steve were able to meet the deadlines for these.

TD Bank Grant

Jay talked to Jonathan(Mayor) and was told that the mayor and public works did put together a grant application. Steve was getting one ready for Lewiston. We will try to get copies of these applications and see how the LACFB can help. Sherwood Heights School recently received a \$5000 Lowes Grant to improve the Nature Area in back of the school.

Arbor Week Activities May 19-25 in Maine

1. Cameron Sutton, teacher at AMS, has received an award from Project Learning Tree. The board would also like to recognize her. Dave will contact her to see what makes sense.
2. Rick will check with Jan Santere to see if there are activities that the state or the National Arbor Day committee has planned.
3. Doug plans to plant 250 trees during Arbor Week as part of the Christmas Tree Fundraiser.
4. That will be a good time to officially open the Lake Auburn Community Committee's nursery.
5. Remind both city councils that the proclamation need to be read

Tree Nursery

No new news about this topic.

Auburn Ordinance Update

Jay was going to check with the city manager and Dave and Dan will talk to Councilor Crowley about moving it forward.

LACFB by-Laws Update

Rick and Dave will to work on them and bring a rough draft to the board at the March meeting so they can be approved and printed for Arbor Week 2013.

Dinny Sullivan Day March 16th

Dan received information from Tizz Crowley and shared it with the board. The idea of planning a tree had to be dropped as this date is too early to plant trees. Rick checked in with Gammon Tree Nursery and they said the middle of April is the earliest they recommend.

National Invasive Species Week March 3-8

Dave will work on getting an article together to be put into the weekly of daily newspaper.

Next meeting: Special meeting to draft budget---March 7 or 14th ?

Regular meeting---March 21, 2013 Place to be determined.

Meeting adjourned 8:16 PM by unanimous vote