

MINUTES

The Brandon Tree Board met at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2008 in the Council Chambers at 308 Main Ave., Brandon, South Dakota. Members present were Blaine Jones, Devin Coughlin, Wayne Rohde, Mike Coughlin, and Jim Reiter. Also present were Mayor Larry Beesley, Assistant City Administrator Nick Lanning, Public Works Director Wayne Fletcher, and Community Forestry Director Chris Johnson.

Lanning opened the meeting and discussion ensued regarding chair assignments. Moved by Jones seconded by Rohde to designate Devin Coughlin as the Chairman of the Tree Board for one year and Mike Coughlin as the Vice-Chair for one year. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding terms of the board members. Devin Coughlin moved seconded by Rohde to designate Jim Reiter and Devin Coughlin to one year terms, and Wayne Rohde and Mike Coughlin to two year terms per City Ordinance #420. Motion carried.

Moved by Jones seconded by Devin Coughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding a five hundred dollar tree grant from Modern Woodmen. Moved by Jones seconded by Devin Coughlin to utilize the trees from the tree grant at the new Brandon Soccer Complex. Motion carried.

Chris Johnson from the South Dakota Resource Conservation & Forestry Division gave a presentation on proper tree trimming and tree species within the State of South Dakota.

Discussion ensued regarding tree trimming procedures. The Tree Board directed city staff to research options regarding contracting for tree trimming services instead of using city staff for tree trimming.

An update on the current list of acceptable trees to be planted in the boulevard was given. Moved by Rohde seconded by Mike Coughlin to add the following trees to the acceptable list: Ginko, Catelpa, Kentucky Coffee Tree, Ohio Buckeye Tree, Black Locust, and certain types of Hybrid Elm Trees; and to remove the American Elm tree from the prohibited list. Motion carried.

Devin Coughlin gave an update on the Tree City USA program.

Moved by Reiter seconded by Mike Coughlin to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Nick Lanning
Assistant City Administrator

Devin Coughlin
Chairman