

**Anaconda-DLC Tree Board/Anaconda Street Tree Project Committee [ASTPC] Meeting
September 21, 2021, 9 am
Community Service Center, 3rd Floor**

Present: Lydia Janosko, Sam Whitney, Coni Cee, Wayne Wendt, Joe Ungaretti, Ray Lappin, Shane Ellingson, Gayla Hess.

Absent: Sean Steinebach, Judy Little, Bob Andreozzi, Leia Pate-Terry

Call to Order

- I. Old Business- Anaconda Job Corps is manufacturing 50 tree guards for us over the winter. The cost to us is \$78.00 each – because the price of metal is so high. We will have to sell them for \$100.

- II. New Business
 - a. We have applied for Tree City USA recognition. Anaconda has been designated a Tree City for 27 consecutive years.
 - b. Focus of FY -2022 – Discussion on a tree berm adjacent to the new RV park. Shane has researched and provided a trail easement map. Shane determined that most of the berm is located within the easement. He suggested that the berm is tested and seems to be good soil but it may need some amendment. After discussion, it was decided that the focus for our DNRC urban forestry grant application for 2022 will be a tree berm adjacent to the RV park so long as a contract with the adjacent property owner with commitment to care and water the trees for 10 years with a stipulation that upon transference of ownership [if any] the contract remain in force. There is a potential for up to 50 trees.
 - c. Clean up of our east tree berm will be scheduled in the spring.
 - d. Durston Park trees – Wayne will grind the stumps out and we can plant 4-5 appropriate trees in the spring.
 - d. Dead trees in our downtown – Montana Urban and Community Forestry Association [MUCFA] has released information about grant funds for removal of mature hazardous trees. Lydia has sent a letter of interest and hopefully we will qualify for these funds. MUCFA will hire an arborist for analysis, removal and replacement of our trees. This will require a cash match 1:1. Estimated cost to us will be at least \$6000. Shane will work on a map so the potential trees can be highlighted.

Trees identified include: 5 Canada Red Cherry trees on the South side of Park Street from Upper Thread east to the Revolver.

Post office trees; 2 dead on Main Street, one struggling on 3rd Street. Coni Cee said she would accept that little tree and try to nurse it to health. Across Main street from the Post Office is a dead Autumn Blaze Maple. A dead Autumn Blaze is also located on Park Street by the Park Plaza.

The parking lot behind the Elks has at least one dead in the boulevard with a potential for more.

The old Public Health Department on the 1st block of West Park Street has one tree. A beautiful Sugar Maple on East 4th street is really messing up the sidewalk. It has been identified as a hazard because it is a main walking route to our schools.

The trees in front of Rainbow Sports will be pruned today by Sam to hopefully ease the burden of the adjacent property owner.

- III. Miscellaneous
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Next meeting date, 3rd floor conference room of the CSC building will be announced at a later date.
- VI. Adjournment