



Tree Board Meeting- 9:30 AM
Wednesday, February 15th, 2023
2nd Floor Large Conference Room -City Hall
25 Center Street
Vermillion, South Dakota 57069

Meeting Minutes

Present: Kelly Knutson, Kelly Herbster, Rich Holland, Aaron Baedke, Jim Goblirsch

Jim Goblirsch opened the meeting.

- Minutes from the November 2022 meeting was discussed; no comments were received.
- Goblirsch shared general information about:
 - Clay-Union Handplant order.
 - Street & park tree removal
 - 2023 Re-Tree Vermillion - tree handout & details (American Linden)
 - Arbor Day – April 28th
 - Cotton Park master plan
- Goblirsch led the group discussion about EAB now that it has been found in Union County discussion included:
 - Detailed timeline map of upper Midwest where EAB has been found.
 - Life cycle and habits of the EAB
 - EAB and other tree pest trapping mediums in Vermillion.
 - How other communities are dealing with it.
 - Draft of the EAB Street tree EAB Treatment application(handout).
 - Why using a licensed applicator is important.
 - Example of the EAB treated tree tag.
 - EAB treatment options- what are allowed, banned & why, effectiveness.
 - The cost of treatment vs removal and planting a new tree
 - COV ordinance 1423- the reasons why & how this will help slow the spread.

Next meeting dates for 2023 -March 15th, and April 28th (Arbor Day) with a fourth meeting in late fall.

Meeting adjourned.