

**City of Genoa
Tree Board
Agenda March 13, 2018**

- I. Welcome to guests and members of the board
- II. Call to order/Roll Call
- III. Accept agenda
- IV. Welcome New Member Don Perry
- V. Review minutes from Oct 11
- VI. Old Business
 1. Evaluation of the Largest Tree Contest
 2. River Bend Prairie Project
 3. Tree removal in town and adjacent areas
 4. Arboricultural Specifications Manual has not been updated since 2006
- VI. New Business
 1. Review Tree Board brochure and submit corrections to City of Genoa
 2. Next Educational Event?
 3. Arborist report
 4. Announcements and communications
- VII. Adjournment :Next Meeting April 10

Genoa Tree Board Meeting Minutes

04/10/18

Orrin, Jan, Tom, Tim, and Don in attendance

Orrin opened the meeting

Orrin asked for a motion of acceptance of the meeting's agenda, Tom and Tim so moved, and the vote carried and the agenda was accepted

Orrin asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, Don and Tim so moved and the vote carried and the minutes were accepted.

Old Business

1. The Beautiful Tree Contest was discussed.

- **the submissions should occur by no later than August 3rd**
- **submitted to City Hall and to Jan.**
- **The Tree Board will hold a meeting before Pioneer Days and review the submission.**
- **The street address, family and other such information needs to be on the submission.**

Mike was not in attendance so there was no update on the Mid-Week status

Facebook has information about the Beautiful tree Contest

Arborist Report

All of the spring trees have been ordered

Per Jan the updates and corrections to the tree manual and the brochures have been up-dated

Control of invasive species was set back by the bad weather. Another week end will be set up for another attempt.

New Business

Placement of the Arbor Day tree was discussed with the thought that it should be planted near the Masons Lodge and over by Wilshire Apartments. It was also suggested that a location by Butera or by the grade school might

be better. It was pointed by Jan that heavy traffic, road salt would cause problems for the tree. Jan suggested the Elementary school as a good spot.

Arbor Day is set for May 11, and tentatively at 4:00.

Announcement and Communications

None

The motion to adjourn the meeting was put forth. Tim and Orrin so moved, the vote carried and the meeting was adjourned.

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Orrin, Jan, Tom, Tim and a special guest, Mr. McIntyre, working at the Morton Arboretum were in attendance.

Orrin opened the meeting.

Agenda

A motion to accept the agenda was unanimously passed with Tim so moving and Tom seconding the movement

Beautiful Tree Contest

There was also not much activity on this so the contest is on hold for the future.

Arbor Day

May 11, Arbor Day went well per Jan. The trees were planted along Rte #23 by the elementary school

Arborist Report

Jan reports the because of the weather, she is suspending her planting schedule. She is now focusing on saving those planted trees that are in distress.

Pioneer Days

Discussion came up about what the Tree Board could do for Pioneer Days. One item was another history slab depicting the significant dates of the Kishwaukee Valley Historical Society Museum. Orrin and Tom have discussed a basic outline of this plan. Tom and Tim will man the Tree Board booth at Pioneer Day.

An open discussion about Genoa's trees and various other arboreal items occurred with Jan's guest adding much input about Genoa's trees and plan.

Orrin called for adjournment, Tom so moved, and Tim seconded it. All voted unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

October 9, 2018

Genoa Tree Board Meeting Minutes (unofficial)

- 1- Welcome to members, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Perry, Mr. Haines, City Arborist - Ms. Melton, and guest – Mr. Macyntyre.
- 2- Meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM. Three members were present comprising a quorum.
- 3- Motion by Mr. Haines to accept the Agenda, second by Mr. Perry. Motion carried.
- 4- Review of 8/14/18 Minutes. Motion by Mr. Perry to approve the corrected Minutes, second by Mr. Haines. Motion carried.
- 5- Old Business:
 - a. Pioneer Day Assessment – Mr. Smith was not present so there was no report to assess.
 - b. Update on fall inventory and planting – See Arborist Report
 - c. Beautiful Tree Awareness – Alyssa posted info to web page and Face book. There were no entries.
 - d. Response from NIU Field Trip – Ms. Melton reported that because of wet conditions/rain it has been rescheduled for 10/20/2018
- 6- New Business:
 - a. Arborist report –
 - b. Future Pioneer Day – Mr. Smith recommended prior to tonight’s meeting that we produce a handout with information on one side describing a brief history of Genoa and on the other a history and actions of the Tree Board. He indicated that there were questions at Pioneer Day that such a handout could provide helpful answers. Ms. Melton noted that we have the trifold flyer which already provides

the Tree Board history and actions. Perhaps someone could write the Genoa history portion.

7- Announcements and Communications – Mr. Perry brought up an issue about *Hazard Trees*, noting that one fell on a house in Genoa during a recent storm. Should not the City have an ordinance to prevent hazard trees from endangering property or lives? After considerable discussion, it was decided to investigate ordinances in other municipalities dealing with hazard trees on private property. It will be an item under *New Business* for next meeting.

8- A motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 8:05 PM.

Submitted by Mr. Haines