

Colville City Tree Board (TB), February 22, 2018  
**Next meeting?? Let Fischer know if you can meet--**  
**Thursday, March 1, 4pm, Colville City Hall**

Present: Tree Board Members, Eleanor Mattice, Kathy Ahlenslager (note-taker); City Councilman Chris Loggers.

Item	Discussion or Status	ACTION
Quorum	<b>Since we didn't have a quorum and have Arbor Day to plan, we suggest meeting next Thursday, March 1, 4pm, City Hall. Please let Fischer know if you can meet.</b>	
Notable Trees	Although Dean Fischer's proposed agenda for the Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup> meeting below mentions 12 Notable Trees submissions, the City Clerk has only four. Fischer, please forward the 12 submissions to the Clerk's office for emailing to TB members, so we can read them over prior to our next meeting. Mattice suggested putting out another call for submissions.	<b>Fischer,</b> please forward submissions.
Arbor Day Proclamation	Maintaining Tree City USA status requires an annual proclamation. Below is an example from the website.	Discuss at next meeting.
Arbor Day Celebration	In addition to suggestions in Fischer's agenda below, Ahlenslager suggested an article in the Statesman-Examiner about the Notable Tree nominees. Another thought is for TB members to assist with digging holes for Brandon Hull's trees and inviting the press to the event.	Discuss at next meeting.
DNR 2018 Small Community Forestry Assistance Grant	Anne Lawson completed the grant proposal and the City submitted it mid-February.	
Yep Kanum Park branches	Ahlenslager, in an hour on Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup> , 11 people from Tree Board, Colville Rotary Club, City Council and friends responded to a call to stack branches for pick-up by Park staff to minimize soil compaction.	

Fischer Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> email to TB members, proposed agenda for Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting:

**Old Business:**

Notable Tree Program: We have ≈ 12 Notable tree submissions. Need to re-request.  
 Brandon Hull Tree planting Project: All trees (7) paid for. Planting late March -early April.  
 Arbor Day Festivities:

- Use Brandon's Project as a center piece?
- Read excerpts from Notable tree submissions?
- Have forester, botanist, read bullet points of the benefits of trees and request from group their reasons for honoring trees?
- Plant one of the 7 trees of Brandon's?
- Have a tree-walk either on this day or another to some of the Notable trees

Other Old Business

**New Business**

Selection of Notable trees and their acknowledgment

Other new business



*Whereas,* In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

*Whereas,* this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

*Whereas,* Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

*Whereas,* trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

*Whereas,* trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

*Whereas,* trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

*Whereas,* trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

*Now, Therefore, I,* \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor of the City of  
\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim  
\_\_\_\_\_ as

# Arbor Day

In the City of \_\_\_\_\_, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

*Further,* I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

*Dated this* \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_