



# TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

September 15 , 2015 Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Joe D'Arienzo, Deb Miller, Lisa Moore, Chris Gale

Municipal Staff: Judd Kirkness

Assembly liason: Michelle Putz

Visitor: Liz Mackinzie - potential member

Hours: Joe - 2 , Deb - 1, Lisa-1, Chris -1, Lynne - 1, Judd - 26, Michelle - 1

Note: Judd's hours includes the Community Forest Council meeting in Anchorage

August minutes approved

## Persons to be Heard

Michelle spoke about a plastic bag ordinance - taxing bag use by \$.25 per bag. We discussed this and there was overall support for the idea. Deb moved to support this idea because of the impact on the aesthetics to our landscape, Lisa seconded - Passed unanimously.

## Old Business

1. Update on Local Foods Network Educational Garden Space - Sitka Local Food Network got a \$1700 grant from United Way. There is an interior garden space that has been offered, and looks like it may be a good spot. The tribe is also interested in doing some gardening and they are working on their own path - they are looking at a production garden on a slower timeline.

## New Business

1. Arbor Day ideas for 2016: ACFC is going to divide about \$7k in small grants to give to communities for Arbor Day events. We should develop an idea if we want to apply for a grant. We could focus attention this year at the community hospital. There is a sunny hill that is hard to mow as well as other locations. 7 layer planting: Tall canopy, Med canopy, shrubs, low plants, etc. We discussed the process for applying for the grant without Lynne. The T&L committee may apply for the grant since Judd is on the ACFC.
2. We discussed making beds under the trees we planted this year and planting with spirea
3. “ “ having a list of projects to work off when grants do come up.
4. “ “ the possibility of turning Castle Hill into an arboretum.
5. “ “ more public education about our community forest - like a brochure with interesting trees or a Tree of the Month in the paper.
6. “ “ plans for improving the Mohler Field planting.

## Reports

1. Michelle reported that the position vacated by Lynne (Director of Park and Rec) is under consideration because of the Halibut Point Rec and Community Schools - they do not know how the position will be impacted by this, and what the position will look like. So the plans are to replace the position, but the job description and title is still up in the air.

Respectfully Submitted by Lisa Moore

Next meeting is October 20<sup>th</sup>.