

CORE December Minutes

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

3609 Market Place W – take elevator up to 2nd floor

Attendees: Bill Horn, Tony West, Monty Stranski, Jill Worthington, Debbie Klosowski, Kris Docherty

Approval of Minutes-November Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report Our current balance is \$17,127.77

Volunteer Hours – Orchard Hours-71 Orchard hours

Staff Report- Tony Updates on gate replacements have been replaced. Fence replacement is quarter done but completion will be delayed by work on storm drain project. The storm drain project is scheduled to be done by end of January. The fence will go as far as supplies last up curran lane. Last spray in the contract Anthracnose was done October 10th or 17th. The spray contract posting closes on Friday. There is only one contractor that has submitted their bid to the city which isn't the current contractor. However, He says often contractors will wait till the last day to submit their bid.

Website - Debbie states website has been updated regarding all the dates for pruning parties etc. If there is a missing date, let Debbie know.

***Tree Adoptions-Debbie and Kris**

Update: If you are wondering why, you do not have your tree assignment letter. Its result extending due date to 12-1-24 as it was noticed that there was a low amount of renewals. Letters were sent to remind them that renewal deadline is 12/1/24. We will be assigning trees no later than 12-15-24. Feedback from some was that they were expecting applications.

Updates:

Adoptions to date 94 with 3 holding for McIntosh trees. There were several requests to change their trees to McIntosh. Debbie was wondering if we should order McIntosh trees from Raintree Nursery. Bill suggested that there are new trees like McIntosh which would be a better choice. One newer tree is Spartan which are good for this area.

Confirmation letters- Kris will be sending out letters. Letter hopefully will be informative in addition to confirming tree assignment.

Adoption Brochures-Debbie says brochures are here. Putting Brochure in Kiosk plus contacting Suburban Times after letters go out.

McIntosh Requests-holding a couple applications to see if some McIntosh become available.

***Tree Map Update/Variety Verification-Rich/Monty** Rich has updated the map using Monty's feedback and the old map. He was able to identify row 1 tree 1 as an early Golden Delicious. This explains why it is ready to pick so early. Monty said there are still 10 trees are questionable. To avoid for paying for identification, it will be best to wait till there are ready to pick apples and leaves on the trees. Bill recommended waiting till September or October or when the apples are ripe.

***Tree Tags-** Barry and Rich ok Monty mentioned the tags in the high density or really faded. Afraid to lose their id. City has stamps so we can code the varieties in the High Density.

***Volunteer/Gift Tree program-** Jill and Barry will work on setting up the High School volunteer program to earn a tree.

***Barn tools** - Debbie contacted Ian. He will be sharpening the tools in the barn.

***Window Replacements-** Rich and Monty installed the new windows. It was harder and took 3 hours as windows have change since 1952. Plexiglass will be installed to protect the windows.

Concerts? Sue This was tabled as Sue still on the Road from Minnesota

Troop 148 is asking is there something they can do in the orchard on January 20th- spreading mulch Jill volunteered to supervised.

Bulletin Boards are needing up dating. Debbie waiting for update lists then they will updated.

Holiday Potluck? December 11th 11:45

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 7th 6 – 8 pm either in person or by Microsoft team

