

Urban Forestry Advisory Board

Minutes of February 13, 2025

Members Present: Mr. Gerald Checco, Chair; Ms. Angie Strunc; Ms. Maria Dienger; Mr. Bob Vickrey

Members Absent: Ms. Crystal Russell; Mr. Scott Beuerlein; Ms. Berteena Rollins; Mr. Mark Bambach; Ms. Crystal Courtney

Staff Present: Mr. Garrett Dienno; Ms. Tiffany Hendrickson; Mr. Jon Harmon; Ms. Marianne Prue.

Meeting: Mr. Checco called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A Quorum was in attendance.

Meeting Agenda: February meeting agenda approved.

Meeting Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of December 12th, 2024, all members were in favor.

Monthly Activity Report: The monthly activity report for December was submitted to members. Mr. Dienno highlighted the December report program statistics with a discussion of the stump contract operations. Mr. Dienno discussed the new updates to the customer service request process within urban forestry. These updates include case resolution times and case closing comments.

Report of DNR Urban Forestry Supervisor:

Mr. Dienno presented April 25th, 2025, is Arbor Day and will be led by Mr. Matt Dickman, the West district forester. The potential planting site for Arbor Day 2025 is Roberts Academy in East Price Hill. Parks projects planting 30 trees at this event and encourage all UFAB members to participate.

Law:

CMC 743- Jon Harmon is working with Kevin Frank at City Law on the revisions. The first section of the draft is scheduled for review next week. Then the second section will take place in March. Members discussed that board attendance and Chair and Vice-Chair positions be an addition to the code and/or By Laws. Final draft should be available at the next board meeting, April 10th, 2025.

Presentation:

Gerald notified that his presentation with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute was accepted and will take place on June 11th, 2025.

Maria Dienger of city planning had a presentation ready for the board members that highlights how city planning functions with urban forestry. But due to the lack of attendance this will be presented at the next board meeting in April. **All members are encouraged to attend.**

Meeting Adjournment: Mr. Gerald Checco adjourned at 11:01 am

Meeting: The next regular meeting of the UFAB will be held April 10th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the ***Bettman Natural Resource Center, 4 Beech Lane.***

Approved:



Gerald R. Checco, Chair