

Tree Board Minutes

Date: September 11, 2018

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Headwaters meeting room at Currents
600 Cregg Ln., Missoula, MT 59801

Tree Board Members present: Dale Harris, Chris Ryan, Sonja Verlanic

Others: Chris Boza, Urban Forester, Betsy Willett, Administrative Manager

Public Comment on non-agenda items

None

Action Items:

Appeal of Tree Removal at 601 E Beckwith from John Dunkum, property owner.

Mr. Dunkum was informed of this meeting via email and phone calls. He was not in attendance.

Chris Ryan asked about the tree removal notification process. Chris Boza explained our department sends a certified letter to the property owner in advance of removal, so they have time to appeal. This same process was followed for the two removals at 601 E. Beckwith.

These trees were two of four being removed due to their state of decline. They are also located under the Northwestern Energy primary distribution lines which will be rebuilt by Northwestern Energy. Northwestern Energy has agreed to remove the trees, the Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry Division will have the stumps ground. Northwestern Energy will then pay for replacement trees that the Urban Forestry Division will plant in the right of way adjacent 601 E. Beckwith. The trees will be Class 1 trees which will mature to less than 30' in height and will fit appropriately within this boulevard.

Chris Ryan moved the Missoula Tree Board deny the appeal of John Dunkum and uphold the City Forester's plan to remove and replace two aging Norway maple trees in the Arthur Street boulevard abutting 601 E. Beckwith.

Sonja Verlanic seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.