

Smithfield City Tree Committee Board Meeting Minutes February 4, 2021

Smithfield City Office @ 7:00 P.M.

Conducting: Jeff Barnes

1. **_Minutes from the December 3, 2020 meeting were read and approved.**
2. **The two green ash trees at 480 South Main Street in Smithfield have been removed. The request was made by Becky Jones and approved by the tree committee.**
3. **The 2020 Tree City USA Application was prepared by the mayor and submitted on January 15, 2021. This will be the 28th year Smithfield has been designated a Tree City USA city. Contents of the application was shared with the committee. In counting new tree numbers for the city during 2020, Jeff contacted Neighborhood Housing Solutions to find the number of new trees planted in their subdivision. Jeff will request a list of trees they are using to landscape yards.**
4. **The 2021 Utah arbor day poster contest for elementary schools has been cancelled by the state due to covid-19. The committee is willing to host the contest this year just for Smithfield City. Jeff will contact Lori Pomeroy at Sunrise and Diana will contact Natalie Nish at Birch Creek and someone at Summit to find out if the schools want to participate even if there is no state competition. The committee will need to select a theme if any school wishes to participate and the committee will act as the judges. We will follow the submission dates from last year's contest.**
5. **Amanda Grover has moved and is no longer a member of the tree committee. There are only 3 members of the committee now and we should have 5. Jeff asked Tom Toolson to see if he had any interest in serving on the tree board. He gave a somewhat positive answer so he will be invited to our next meeting in March. Jeff will contact A&B Landscaping to see if anyone working there might have some interest.**
6. **Jeff was contacted by a resident asking about guidelines or ordinances regarding trimming trees along property lines. Smithfield City has no policy but he was able to find one from the state of Utah. Utah law does not require a landowner to trim branches that hang over a fence line. Neighbors can trim offending limbs away from their property, but no further.**
7. **The three BIG trees in the cemetery which are the largest of their kind in the state of Utah have finally been listed on the state forestry website. It only took several years to get them on the list. While looking at the list, Jeff discovered another Smithfield City tree on the BIG**

list. It is a Norway Maple on the south side of the Library. It was listed by Ben Harris and Jeran Farley. Jeff will attempt to get a copy of the certificate to hang in the city office. The three BIG trees in the cemetery are 1-Eaastern Arborvitae, Eastern Red Cedar and Norway Spruce.

8. Health Days week is scheduled for May 3 through 8, 2021. Jeff will sign us up for a booth and work with Hayden Downs on a location at Forrester Acres for the Arbor Day Tree Planting.
9. Jeff suggested the tree committee apply for a community forestry partnership grant. The application deadline is July 2021. The purpose of the program is to provide funding to communities for tree planting in public areas. The area of consideration would be the detention basin along highway 89/91 on the north end of town. A draft design was created several years ago and gives us a good place to start.
10. Next Meeting to be held on March 4, 2021.