

Las Vegas Tree Board

Minutes of 3/27/2018

Present: John Spencer, Shannon Atencio, Elizabeth Gardner, Gerald Romero, Tom Lamberth, Nancy Leippe. Welcome to Miranda Vogel from New Mexico State Forestry.
Minutes of 2/27/18 approved.

Old Business

Seminar and Seed exchange. Saturday April 14, 9:00—about 4:00 at Luna Cafeteria. Lunch will be provided. We will have a table with handouts about species selection, planting, watering, etc. We will also give out Goldenraintree seeds with planting instructions and tree description.

Marrujo Park Irrigation Problems. Trees on the north end of the park are not doing well due to irrigation problems. John will discuss this problem with Chris Rodarte.

New Business

National Arbor Day Friday April 27 2:00. John talked to Chris Rodarte and to Maria Gilvarry. The water meter will be turned on. [It may need some attention to get it to work.] An alternative water source may be the tank received through a previous grant obtained by the Tree Board for the Parks Division.

Appropriate watering will be needed winter and summer for at least 3 years.

The Parks Division will bring T-posts, wire, and mulch on April 27.

John will write a short article for the Optic.

Shannon will make an invitation to be delivered to people in the park area. Gerald [and Shannon?] will distribute it.

The board discussed water (lack of) problems and suitable species for this dry, hot, windy, but well-cared-for park. Consensus was to plant a Hackberry and a Horizon Elm. A third tree might be added.

Elizabeth and Shannon will select and obtain the trees. Funding for the trees will come from NM Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Forestry Division.

Other: Trees in Hanna Park need some pruning.

Meeting adjourned.

We will have a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday April 24, 3:30, at Tierra y Montes SWCD