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Trees Forever- Branching Out Committee Meeting

March 17, 4:30 pm

Marshall County Extension Office

Present: Gary Fulton, Gary Mason, Doni Sheldon, Kristin Titus

Guest: Kristin Titus, Park and Rec, Horticulturist

Tree Workshop

The workshop was held as part of a US Tree Service grant that Marshalltown Park and Rec received. Seventeen people attended plus five Trees Forever Committee members. Laura Wagner was sent the results of the workshop and a follow up on the tree survey done last year. A thank you to Doug Husak, Wells Fargo, for the food and drink that was provided, was mailed to him. Gary F suggested that maybe we could hold a workshop each year.

Trees Forever/Alliant Energy Grant

Woodland Tree Farm, Yale, IA turned in a bid of \$2,944.40 for the trees requested. Miller Nursery returned a bid of \$2,327.50 for only five of the requested trees. Woodland's bid was accepted. Kristin will check to see what tree protectors are left from last year. Trees will be delivered April 27.

We will meet at 8:30am at the red barn at Riverview Park to get trees delivered to planting sites. Help will be needed along with a couple trucks to deliver trees to the various parks. Kristin will get mulch to the parks and help with the planting. Planting will begin at 10:00am on Saturday, April 30th. Refreshments will be on hand for volunteers.

Gary F said Mechdyne offered to have employees help dig the holes on the 14th and 15th. Gary M handed out a donation request form for the matching grant to be reviewed. Except for two typos, the form was accepted. Gary F will stop by Park and Rec to sign the updated request form.

Memorial Tree for Gene Neven

Doni offered to contact Joann Neven regarding the species of tree that she would like to have planted and the information to be placed on the plaque. A list of trees being planted at Kiwanis Park will be given to her to select from. Also how she would like to have the tree commemorated. Adland Engraving will be contacted as they have done work for Park and Rec in the past.

Trees for Kids

The flowering shrubs will arrive the week of May 2. Kristin will check out possible planting sites on the south side of Gold Finch Park. Gary F will order mesh protectors and bamboo stakes. Kristin will have wood chips delivered to sites. Gary F is going to check into the possibility of having college and high school kids help with the planting. The date for A Day of Caring is being looked into as a possible planting date.

At our last meeting, Sue B was going to check with two schools about planting shrubs there. In Sue's absence, no report was given at this meeting.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 14, 4:30 pm, at the Extension office

Doni Sheldon