

Committee Minutes

AD HOC PARK AND TREE COMMITTEE

The ad hoc committee met 2/26/2011. Attendees were Clark Evens, Jeff Evens, Kelly Fleming, Cliff Hirsch, Cornelia O'Connor, Bea Quiroga, German Quiroga, and Kazz Workizer.

Recommendations to the council are as follows:

1. Town Manager to contact Juan Barba and Cliff Hirsch, Certified Arborists, to perform evaluation and report as outlined in attachment. The Town Manager will use funds from the Fall Festival that have been set aside. Cost, \$400.00 for each arborist. (There is \$3,768.33 in the fund). Responsible party: Town Manager. Time Line: March.

2. After action step 1, the arborists will advise this committee what work needs to be done by professionals and what can be done by volunteers. The committee will recommend professionals and organize volunteers. All work will be done after council approval. Responsible parties: Arborists and committee members. Cost unknown. Time frame: March and April.

3. Education class by the Extension Office on how to care for the trees for town maintenance staff and any interested citizens. Responsible party, German Quiroga to contact Dean Fish. Time Frame: March, April and May. Cost, none.

Other ideas discussed but with no action steps yet are as follows:

Build garrets around the trees to protect them and serve as benches: Created a path through the park that can be both a multi-use path and be a link to the Train Track Trail and the Cemetery Trail: Use some of the funds to improve the playground in Richardson Park: Plant trees in the southerly end of the park across from the restrooms: Make the park more inviting for town residences (a dog park , a fitness park, more benches, were some of the ideas for this last item) : Seek grant money for these projects.

Respectfully submitted,