

## PARKS BOARD TREES UPDATE June 11, 2016

The committee did not meet, but City Staff and committee members members coordinated so as to complete several tasks, including the following:

### 1. **Staff report items from James Caniglia regarding trees:**

- Urban Forestry: I've reached out to some areas in need of trees and have not had much response. I have received two applications and will advertise the program in next week's paper as I will be in town to talk to people interested in the program when the paper comes out. The trees, along with the Arbor Day Trees, will be picked up by Public Works when we a fair portion of the trees have been claimed. We do still have one Arbor Day tree we can find a home for.
- Fertilizing: Fertilizing was completed on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Street trees near Broadway from 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> and in Coal Miner's, Lions and Field School received fertilizing.
- Trimming: Mike Taylor trimmed some street trees and trees along the tennis court fence in Field School Park. I hoped that Northwest Energy would trim the trees along the tennis court, but their tree trimming staff has been reduced and the fence was increasing in danger of being damaged. It may be best if the trees are removed and replaced with shrubs due to power lines and the fence.

3. **Spraying**. Lion's and Field School pine weevil spraying is done. Pine weevil damaged spruce trees in Lions Park need to have their diseased tops cut out to complete treatment. This may take a bucket truck or similar. The company that did the spraying can also do fertilizing in the fall.

4. **Downtown tree Watering**. Bob Matter and his wife Liz have started to water downtown trees again this summer using his trailer and water tank.

5. **Tree guards**. Ten new tree guards are included in the grant that James is managing and have been ordered for this year. We could also consider replacing the wire guards with tree guards a few at a time each year working south to north.

7. **Beartooth Market Trees** - Corey to contact Rod Bastian about cost share program. One dead tree on south side facing Lions Park needs to be removed.

**Respectfully submitted by Dan Seifert**