

Lincoln North Dakota – 2021 Tree Board Plan

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During the 2020 budgeting process, the Tree Board was approved to spend \$18,000 for the 2021 fiscal year. Below are the approved planned activities of the Tree Board along with an explanation of funding.

- The current Tree Board resolution states there can be up to 24 meeting per year.
 - **\$6,000** is being budgeted for meeting reimbursements (5 members X \$50/meeting X 24 meetings)
- Currently, compost is being collected and stored at the lagoons. Some of that compost has turned into quality, usable dirt. Tree board would like to reimburse public works to bring the decomposed, dirt ready compost back into town for residents at a small fee to be determined by Tree Board and Public Works to cover the cost of the loading and unloading in order to sustain this effort.
 - **\$1,100** is being budgeted for the cost to bring in 2 loads of decomposed compost into the city which will be used to reimburse Public Works (\$550/load).
- There have been complaints about dead trees within the city, and the Tree Board would like to offer incentives for residents to remove dead trees which pose a safety concern. The Tree Board is proposing individual households will be reimbursed “up to \$500” for the removal of a dead tree within city limits. An application has been drafted by the Tree Board and can be downloaded from the City’s website to be completed and returned by the resident to the city office. Tree board members will have to confirm the removal of the tree with documentation including, but not limited to, images and receipts. Trees will need to be removed down to stumps no higher than 36 inches from the ground to qualify.
 - **\$2,500** will be budgeted for this initiative and will be reimbursed on a first come, first served basis until the budgeted money has been fully executed. (\$500/Tree).
- The Tree Board would like to maintain being a Tree City and continue to take part in Arbor Day events. This year’s plan is to distribute saplings to students at Lincoln Elementary School.
 - **\$250** will be budgeted for this Arbor Days event.
- There have been talks around Christmas time on what to do with old Christmas trees. The Tree Board would like to provide a dumpster at compost/grass clippings location available for predetermined amount of time to provide residents a spot to dispose of their trees. All trees will need to be free of tinsel, ornaments, lighting, ect before disposing of in the provided dumpster.
 - **\$1,100** is being budgeted for the cost to bring 2 loads of Christmas trees to the lagoon which will be used to reimburse Public Works (\$550/load).
- One goal of the Tree Board is to promote the planting of trees, shrubs and plants within the city of Lincoln. One way to do this is to provide mulch and compost to help ensure new trees have the proper soil conditions and materials to promote new growth. The Tree board would like to purchase a woodchipper and reimburse public works to chip trees and branches collected at the compost site for use by the citizens of Lincoln to promote these plantings.

- **\$4,550** is being budgeted for the cost to purchase a woodchipper
 - **\$2,500** is being budgeted for the cost to reimburse Public Works for training and operation of the woodchipper during the summer months and winter season after collection of Christmas trees.
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- Total Planned Expenses for 2021 = **\$18,000**