

Tree Commission
Thursday – November 21, 2013
7:00 PM
Public Works Department – Conference Room
Minutes

Attendees: Jerry Unroe, co-chair; Linda O'Neil, co-chair; Alex Keleman, City Council Liaison; William Robinson; Tom Munn, Public Works Superintendent; Dan Szoch (arrived at 7:10);

Guest(s): none

Absent: Chris Rigby, Garden Club Liaison; John Logan

Minutes Approval: Minutes of the October 24, 2013 meeting were read and approved. Move: O'Neil. Second: Robinson. Vote: unanimous.

Public Comment: None

Reports/Presentations

1. City Council Liaison

- Brandywine Watershed - meeting was on Monday, November 18, and we presented the final report to the rest of the communities and now it has to be approved at their council meetings. From there it will go to the State EPA.
- Working on the City's budget and the 5-year plan.
- Presentation was given from the Tree Commission to Council regarding the streetscape. No formal questions were asked. The contract for the design for the streetscape will be discussed again at December's Council meeting. No more work needed from the Tree Commission for the December Council meeting.

2. Hudson Garden Club Liaison

- Chris Rigby absent. No report.

3. City Arborist

- Applied for Tree City USA recertification. This will be our 34th year.
- Christmas tree pickup again this year starting January 6 (Merry Mulch Program) - approximately 4,800 trees to be picked up. Trees are then taken to Sagamore Soils and ground into mulch.
- March 14 - Young Tree Training at Barlow Community Center available to Garden Club members.
- Evergreen tree planted just east of the gazebo for Mary Lou Morse.
- Want to order t-shirts for Tree Commission for events we attend such as Green on the Green and Arbor Day. It was discussed and long-sleeved t-shirts are preferred.
- Arbor Day - Last Friday in April.
- John Logan will be coming off tree commission. His term is coming to an end.
- Tree Commission Academy is coming up this year. Munn will e-mail the dates/times.
- Tree Conference in February. Also a program called Cents in January. Munn will send information for both conferences.
- During 5 year budget meeting it was brought out that Division street project got pushed up to this year. They will be re-doing old lines that are in the street and laterals to the house. Hoping not to have to do tree removals because they are big, old trees. Munn will be working with Engineers regarding this project.

4. Commission Discussion

- Old Business
 - N. Main Street Winter plantings are now in planters compliments of Robinson Landscaping Company.
- New Business
 - O'Neil said there are a lot of coyote in Hudson Springs Park and thinks residents should be made aware. She will write letter to Jody Roberts asking to make residents aware of the coyote population.

- Tree Commission meeting dates for 2014 - Jan. 23, Feb. 20, March 20, Apr. 17, May 22, June 19, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20. Tom will type up meeting dates and we can vote on it at next meeting.
- Reserve at River Oaks - where does it stand? In our budget meeting we discussed ordering the transformers and wires to provide power in 2014. In spring they will break ground.
- Motion to adjourn meeting: O'Neil. 2nd: Unroe. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2014

Minutes were taken by:

Signature

Minutes were approved by:

Signature