

**Tree Commission**  
**Thursday – February 20, 2014**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Public Works Department – Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

Attendees: Jerry Unroe, Co-chair; Alex Keleman, City Council Liaison; William Robinson; Tom Munn, Public Works Superintendent; Dan Szoch

Guest(s): Steve Semenczuk; Max Semenczuk, Boy Scout

Absent: Linda O'Neil, Co- chair; Chris Rigby, Garden Club Liaison

Minutes Approval: Minutes of the November 21, 2013 meeting were read and approved.

Public Comment: None

Reports/Presentations

1. City Council Liaison
  - Still no applicant for the tree commission position. If someone is interested, submit name to Elizabeth Slagle.
  - Brandywine Creek Watershed Plan was formally approved. Will be taken to State EPA tomorrow.
  - N. Main streetscape is at the Planning Commission. The only issue businesses have is the number of trees and making sure their windows or signs are not blocked. Will let everyone know once a date has been set for the meeting.
2. Hudson Garden Club Liaison
  - Chris Rigby absent. No report.
3. City Arborist
  - Grassy areas at First & Main (Peet's Coffee, Cold Stone, Heinens, etc) is to be replaced with pervious pavers. Will be going out to bid to have that work done.
  - Urban Forestry page on City's website lists activities being worked on and educational information.
  - Merry Mulch program completed for the year. About 5,000 trees taken to Sagamore Soils and turned into mulch.
  - March 11 will go before Council regarding resolution that is needed for the grant we were awarded (\$15,687) for tree planting within Brandywine watershed.
  - Just finished pruning trees for bus and snow plow clearance on Lennox and on Atterbury between Stratford and Lennox
  - Treeboardu.org - Free online classes to help with personal organization and being a good functioning tree commission
  - March 14 - Young Tree Training at Barlow Community Center
  - North Coast Urban Forestry Conference - March 7
  - Put bid out for downtown flower pots to be changed out four times a year.
  - Ash tree removal to be done again this year.
  - Developers have begun clearing on Boston Mills for new housing development (River Oaks). We closely monitor them.
  - Green on the Green - September 20. We need to come up with 3 topics to present.
4. Commission Discussion
  - Old Business
    - Arbor Day - Ellsworth Hill, April 25
    - Tree Walk with Council - maybe some time in June or September.
    - Tree Commission Academy - leadership course

- New Business
  - Tree Commission meeting dates for 2014 were read and approved.
  - Officer Elections - Will Robinson moved to nominate Jerry Unroe as chairman. Vote: Unanimous.
- Motion to adjourn meeting: . Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2014

Minutes were taken by:

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