

Tree Commission
Thursday – August 21, 2014
7:00 PM
Public Works Department – Conference Room
Minutes

Attendees: Jerry Unroe, Co-chair; Linda O'Neil, Co-chair; Alex Keleman, City Council Liaison; Tom Munn, Public Works Superintendent; William Robinson; Chris Rigby, Garden Club Liaison

Guest(s): None

Absent: Dan Szoch; Ron Bevilacqua

Minutes Approval: Minutes of the July 17, 2014 meeting were read and approved.

Public Comment: None

Reports/Presentations

1. City Council Liaison
 - Discussed memorial tree for John Jeffers. Council members donated money. Two trees could be purchased, one from the city and one from council members. Trees will not be planted until April.
 - Developer would like to connect E. Sapphire and Sapphire and begin clearing in October. Due to size of the property, it is not within Tree Commission boundaries to review.
 - Public hearing regarding Main St. streetscape some time in September. Tree Commission will be notified in advance of hearing.
 - Council reviews the City's Comprehensive Plan every 10 years. Opportunity for public input on September 11.

2. Hudson Garden Club Liaison
 - Project(s) Tree Commission would like to use with Garden Club donation needs to be submitted by beginning of November to Garden Club. Discussion to plant trees at Ellsworth Golf Course with approximately 250 trees needing replaced. Suggestion to have plaque saying "thanks to Garden Club for tree donation" either in club house or near the first tee.

3. Park Board Liaison
 - No Park Board Liaison in attendance. Munn walked the entire disc golf course and marked large ash trees.

4. Urban Forestry - City Arborist
 - Taste of Hudson - August 31 and September 1.
 - Division Street project begins September 8. Water/sewer line replacement between Oviatt and College St. Storm water line will be placed under street and not in tree lawn so as not to affect trees.
 - Conclave - Get together of past tree commission academy members with intent of talking about urban forestry management plans - Sept. 11
 - Tree Commission Academy - October
 - Asplundh will be conducting electrical hazards training with their employees on August 22 at Cascade Park.
 - Many dead trees this year due to cold, wet weather. Will be doing a lot of tree removal this fall and into next year. Might forego annual block pruning, just to do tree removals.
 - Young Tree Training Class - March 13, 2015
 - Will plant trees in April of 2015
 - Stump grinding not good due to wet ground. Will grind stumps in early fall.
 - itreetools.org - calculates the monetary worth of the trees to the community. Hudson's rate of return is 34%.

5. Commission Discussion

- Old Business
 - North Main Streetscape - Discussed and signed Tree Commission's recommendation letter. Letter to be sent to Clerk of Council, Tom Sheridan and Jane Howington.
 - Green on the Green - September 20.
 - River Oaks - Discussion on what is happening with River Oaks. Hearing is October 1.
 - Deer Hunting - 10 hunters allowed to bow hunt on YDC property this year.
- New Business
 - None
- Motion to adjourn meeting: O'Neil. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2015

Minutes were taken by:



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Minutes were approved by:

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