

**Tree Commission**  
**Thursday – March 19, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Public Works Department – Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

Attendees: Jerry Unroe, Co-chair; Tom Munn, Public Works Superintendent; Alex Keleman, City Council Liaison, William Robinson; Ron Bevilacqua; Dan Szoch (arrived at 7:25 pm)

Guest(s): None

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

Minutes Approval: Minutes of the January 22, 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Public Comment: None

Reports/Presentations

1. City Council Liaison

- Mr. Jeffers Memorial Tree – Motion: Unroe made a motion to have an oak tree planted near the golf course club house sometime in early May to honor Mr. John Jeffers, and with the advice of the Tree Commission and City Council, appropriate people who have known Mr. Jeffers will be notified and invited to attend the ceremony. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Robinson. Vote: Unanimous:
- Comprehensive Plan – Consultant is putting together input from the public meeting. Committee will be looking at this and will have another public meeting in early June. Would like someone from Tree Commission to attend this public meeting.
- Main St. – No new news.
- Broadband – Will be doing a test somewhere in the industrial area.
- Ramco will be building a new facility on Hudson Industrial Pkwy. They are a tree-friendly company and will preserving trees. They will be planting around the retention pond and putting a fountain in it.
- Discussion at council on pesticides/herbicides/fertilizers on the green. We received bids to do an all-organic treatment but it was about \$30,000 more over multiple years. The majority was not in favor. Instead there was a bid to use an organic-based fertilizer for about \$300 more which has been okayed.
- Charter Review will be meeting and there has been some talk about changing the tree commission, possibly merging with another group(s).

2. Hudson Garden Club Liaison

- Garden Club Liaison not in attendance

3. Urban Forestry - City Arborist

- Robinson attended Young Tree Training last week at Barlow Community Center lead by Alan Siewert.
- Unroe attended North Coast Urban Forestry at Lakeland College. Speaker was Dr. Jason Grabosky, one of the patent holders of Cornell Soil. The key with structured soil is the mixture. We should inform T. Sheridan, if structured soil gets approved, then we need to know the company is adhering to the proper mixture. Unroe will try to reach Dr. Grabosky before next meeting.

4. Commission Discussion

- Hudson Expo – Tree Commission was there to answer questions.
- Arbor Day, April 24, at Seton Catholic School starting at 9:00 am.
- Tree City USA in Sandusky on May 12.
- Green on the Green - September 26 – Volunteers needed for Planning Committee
- We are going to be connecting Sapphire Dr. and E. Sapphire Dr. dead ends. They will be doing a small clearing of trees.
- Indiana Bat - endangered species regulated by federal wildlife laws. April 1 deadline on clearing.

- Resident would like trees planted and beautification on Hudson Aurora from south side of school to the bridge overpass. Please look at this area and give me your opinions.
- Tree planting letters going out the beginning of April. Around 160 trees being planted mainly due to attrition.
- Motion was made to adjourn meeting. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2015.

Minutes were taken by:



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