

Tree Commission
Thursday, September 17, 2015
7:00 PM
Public Works Department – Conference Room
Minutes

Attendees: Jerry Unroe, Co-chair; Will Robinson; Linda O'Neil, Co-chair; Dan Szoch; Alex Keleman, City Council Liaison; William Carroll; Tom Munn, Public Works Superintendent

Guest(s): No guests

Absent: Chris Rigby, Garden Club Liaison

Minutes Approval: Correction to the August 20th minutes, Garden Club President's name is Ms. Bronwyn Pierson, motion was made for approval, Vote: Unanimous

Public Comment: None

Reports/Presentations

1. City Council Liaison

- Discussion on possible installation of sidewalks on the main street greens, curb side from Route 303 to gazebo, to the center of the greens.
- Council is working on 5 year budget plan.
- Considering moving council plaque, or planting a tree where the plaque is located.
- September 28th, Ward 3 Open Forum at Barlow Community Center at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Keleman mentioned a black substance on his car, called Artillery Fungus.
- Suggestion of a map of the different species of trees on the greens, for the Green on Green event.

2. Hudson Garden Club Liaison

- Garden Club Liaison not in attendance

3. Urban Forestry - City Arborist

- Sending out tree removal letters in October. Another year before replanting new trees.
- City of Hudson is hosting Tree Commission Academy at Barlow. Mr. Szoch and Mr. Carroll will be attending class. Ms. O'Neil mentioned Alan Siewert would like Mr. Unroe to attend, being a graduate there would be no additional charge.
- Mr. Robinson created a hand-out on recommended species of trees, for the Green on Green event.
- The Green on Green event, Tree Commission members taking two hour intervals to man table exhibit. Mr. Carrol, Mr. Unroe, Ms. O'Neil and Mr. Robinson volunteered.
- Suggestion on submitting an article to Ms. Murphy at the Hudson Hub, where is oldest/biggest Arbor Day tree in Hudson. Also asking residents to write to the Hudson Hub, about their most valuable tree. Coffee with the Hudson Hub Editor, first Tuesday of the month, at Yours Truly Restaurant at 9:00 a.m., this is an ideal opportunity to submit tree related articles.
- Garden Club planted mums, kale and aster, in the downtown planters. Ms. Murphy, Destination Hudson receives grant money to have high school students water the flowers. Ms. O'Neil has concerns as to why the flowers are dying, she will contact Ms. Murphy, with her concerns.
- On September 17th. Mr. Munn e-mailed Mr. Sheridan, Hudson's City Engineer, the schedule of the N. Main Street bidding/construction of the Streetscape project. Spring and summer flower arrangements will bid out as well, no fall or winter arrangements. Irrigation will happen on the new streetscape.
- Mr. Munn can advise Council changing codified ordinance involving cutting down trees, and penalties if ordinance not followed.

4. Commission Discussion

- Mr. Unroe voiced his concerns, that at the City's Comprehensive Plan meeting the Tree Commission was overlooked. Mr. Keleman suggested the Tree Commission writing, and submitting a report.
- Discussion moving the Tree Commission meetings from third Thursday to the fourth Thursday, so Garden Club Liaison Ms. Rigby can attend. Mr. Munn asked Tree Commission members if they could meet October 15th or October 29th. Mr. Munn will send an e-mail to Ms. Rigby.
- Door hangers with pictures, of over mulching. Ideas will be presented at the next meeting.
- Tree inventory is an on-going collection of data. Ms. O'Neil has only been through one neighborhood. Ms. O'Neil told Mr. Szoch he will benefit from Tree Academy class, when inventorying trees.
- Motion was made to adjourn meeting. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm

Tom Munn will notify members of the next meeting.

Minutes were taken by:



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Minutes were approved by:

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