

Tree Commission
Thursday, April 28, 2016
7:00 PM
Public Works Department – Conference Room
Minutes

Attendees: Jerry Unroe, Co-chair; Tom Munn, Public Works Superintendent; Linda O’Neil, Co-chair; Alex Keleman, City Council Liaison; William Robinson; Dan Szoch (arrived late)

Guest(s): None

Absent: William Carroll; Marilyn Olzmann, Hudson Garden Club Liaison

Minutes Approval: Minutes of the January 28, 2016 meeting were read and approved

Public Comment: None

Reports/Presentations

1. City Council Liaison
 - Street Scape bid approved.
 - Replacing old sidewalks on the clock tower greens. Phase II new sidewalks, possibly next year.
 - Council is taking a road tour, checking roads and drainage conditions. If Tree Commission would like to bring historic trees to his attention, this would be a good time, send Mr. Keleman an e-mail.
 - City of Hudson has a part time grant person, who may be able to help in the process of promoting education in regards to the diversity of tree plantings. If other communities have such a thing, let Mr. Keleman know. Mr. Keleman mentioned Barlow Farm Park entrance, all one kind of tree planted, red maples. A grant would promote education on trees species diversity.
 - Mr. Comeriato met with Ms. O’Neil and Mr. Unroe to discuss street trees, and Silva Cells. Mr. Kelemen mentioned Council brought up the question, is there a tree policy or legislation.
 - Barlow Road resurface widening project will be done this year. Route 91 to Terex Rd intersection, redone after golf season.
 - Turnpike Trail, Stow to Hudson Aurora is a paved trail, with tree roots breaking through the asphalt walking path. Mr. Munn mentioned tree roots can be cut on one side of tree, without damaging the tree. Mr. Munn can write specs. Mr. Keleman mentioned how nice the walking path is at Oak Grove & Weston Hills through Wood Hollow Barlow. Tree Commission should walk that path, there are big trees, interesting tree species.
 - Mr. Keleman stated a good example of trees along Prospect and Barlow within the (ROW). Maybe a sit down with Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Wash

was mentioned.

- A separate bike path at Barlow, investing money next year.
- Terex Road changing direction and slope of road, better visibility, big trees on north side.
- Cascade out to Barlow path by golf course connect hike and bike place. Parks received a grant, to build paths. Route 91 to Terex transformed neighborhood.

2. Hudson Garden Club Liaison

- Garden Club Liaison not in attendance

3. Urban Forestry - City Arborist

- Arbor Day April 29, 2016 at Hudson Montessori School. Mayor Basil is planning on attending. The type of tree being planted is a Dawn Redwood. Tree Commission would like to see participation of the Hudson schools, it was mentioned to start with the Superintendent, or School Board meeting. Mr. Munn stated the month of April is a bad month for the schools, because of testing, He also stated Arbor Day, can be moved to a different month.
- Tree planting just about finished for this year. Total tree replacement, about 140 trees. Landscaping was put along Hudson Aurora and turnpike.
- Tree removals ash, and line clearance on West Highgate and Wilshire.
- Young Tree Training, March 17, 2016 at Barlow Community Center went well, about 30 attended.
- Laurel Lake tree presentation on hold.
- Tree Commission Academy, at Barlow Community Center. Mr. Szoch graduated.
- Urban Forestry Conference, March 11, 2016 at Lakeland Community College. Mr. Unroe and Ms. O'Neil attended. Topic focus was root structure in pots, and root cutting.

4. Commission Discussion

- Ms. O'Neil asked about watering baskets, and flowers on Main St. Mr. Munn said plants will be watered, with grant money. Hanging baskets already purchased.
- Tree Commission would like a face to face meeting, with Council, to thank them for their agreement in regards to Silva Cell decision in the Street Scape Bid.
- Mr. Szoch would like to revisit ordinance, of the master plan year. The year 2000 was the last up-date. The next meeting focus on key points. Ms. O'Neil and Mr. Szoch will give presentation, He would like to see prior material refreshed/updated.
- Mr. Unroe would like to invite Hudson City Manager, Mrs. Howington to the August meeting. Mr. Szoch mentioned August meeting, would give the Tree Commission enough time to work on a speech. Also mentioned moving the meeting to Barlow Community Center or Ellsworth Meadows.
- Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman. Mr. Unroe and Ms. O'Neil said they would serve another term. Vote: unanimous.
- Mr. Unroe and Ms. O'Neil are concerned about the Heritage trees through-out the City, their focus will be trees on the green. Mr. Szoch and Ms. O'Neil would like to see a data base to identify trees on the green, and other locations. Mr. Munn mentioned the Heritage tree on 80 Division St, Silver Maple between Oviatt and College St., there is a lot of tree rot, keep on radar.

Mr. Munn mentioned 257 N Main St. Ash tree coming down, Ash borer, Kepner & Hudson's an American Elm, Dutch Elm disease. Also mentioned was London Plane tree along green's side, and across from McDonalds, the tree is leaning. Mr. Szoch would like to see branches cut first, that could potentially be a hazard. Ms. O'Neil likes the fact Mr. Munn is keeping Tree Commission informed about hazardous Heritage trees.

- Ms. O'Neil would like to see tree information on the Hudson web site. Mr. Munn will e-mail addresses of tree plantings, and tree removals, to the Tree Commission.
- Ms. O'Neil asked, Steeple trees being taken down, Mr. Munn stated, no they are staying.
- Mr. Szoch mentioned 2016 ODNR traveling to Hudson, possible, they can do tree inventory. Mr. Munn mentioned Urban Site Index capable to support a certain species of tree in area, grad students collecting data, press release to Ms. Roberts.
- Tree City USA Awards Ceremony, May 10, 2016. Mr. Unroe and Mr. Munn will attend.

Closure to meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2016 conference room of Public Works.

Ms. O'Neil moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Unroe seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes were submitted by Patty Fohner, Public Works Accounting Clerk

Jerry Unroe, Co-Chairman

Linda O'Neil, Co-Chairman
Tree Commission Committee