

**Tree Commission**  
**Thursday, June 23, 2016**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Public Works Department – Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

Attendees: Jerry Unroe, Co-chair; William Robinson; Linda O’Neil, Co-chair; Alex Keleman, City Council Liaison; Tom Munn, Public Works Superintendent; Marilyn Olzmann, Hudson Garden Club Liaison

Guest(s): Denise Soloman, Environmental Awareness Committee

Absent: Dan Szoch

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

Public Comment: None

Reports/Presentations

1. City Council Liaison
  - New Tree Commission Member Mr. Phillip Butto, is replacing Mr. William Carroll.
  - Mr. Keleman suggested a Tree Commission brochure, would be nice for perspective members.
  - Discussion on tree maintenance ordinance, hazardous trees on private property. Residents referring to their neighbors dead trees.
  - North Main Street project starting this week.
  
2. Hudson Garden Club Liaison
  - New Garden Club Liaison Ms. Olzmann, replaced Ms. Rigby. Ms. Olzmann has been scholarship chair for seven years, she is an avid gardener interested in replacing, and planting of new trees.
  
3. Urban Forestry - City Arborist
  - Summary of Arbor Day at Hudson Montessori School. The City of Hudson received a national award, 2015 Gold Leaf Award, for outstanding Arbor Day activities.
  - There are a lot of dying ash and other trees this year. Cicadas were hard on trees, it was suggested to water trees once a week over night, with a trickling hose, June, July, and August.
  - Twenty-five ash trees and stumps removed on Stow Road, the side of Hudson High School. Trees on Brentwood, and trees throughout the City are marked with pink dots for removal. A discussion on possible trees being planted on Stoney Hill, Mr. Munn said no plans, this would be a capital project.

4. Commission Discussion

- Hanging baskets on parking deck, big pots along Park Lane, and 72 N Main St. flowers watered, with Garden Club grant money. Mr. Munn mentioned the cost of the four season's flowers, for the fifteen (15) big pots is twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000), which includes watering cost. Mr. Munn will supply flowers and watering, for racks on Clinton Street, if Garden Club will plant. A discussion on extending planting areas, and the added expense.
- Ms. O'Neil would like to see information on Hudson web site, regarding resident's responsibility concerning dead ash, and other dead tree removals, that could be safety issues.
- Mr. Unroe mentioned a sub-committee to write general information on what determines a Heritage tree, and its protection. Ms. Solomon said another good opportunity to educate public is at the Green on Green event. Mr. Robinson will talk to Mr. Szoch in regards to writing an article to Liz Murphy at the Hudson Hub, the topic where in Hudson on the greens is this Heritage tree. Mr. Munn said the article needs passed to Ms. Roberts, Hudson Communication Manager. Mr. Keleman said the City of Kent has signs determining the value of a tree, he will take a picture.
- Mr. Keleman said Councils agenda to pass to the Planning Commission a land develop code on connections of streets, the layout of streets, and where trees will go, and clean-up things. Ms. Solomon said any changes will be posted, on Planning Commissions agenda. Mr. Keleman also mentioned, Hudson asked Council to look at complete street ordinance or resolution. A complete street example is Veterans Way, which has a bike path, a street, and sidewalk access.
- Mr. Unroe will call Hudson City Manager, Mrs. Howington to invite her to a Tree Commission meeting.
- Tree Commission Members thoughts on switching monthly meetings to every-other month, or quarterly. The Tree Commission Members, will discuss further when all members can decide.
- Ms. O'Neil will schedule a presentation time with Council, to present the 2015 Gold Leaf Award.
- Tree Commission voted to cancel July's meeting date, next meeting will be August 25, 2016. Vote unanimous.

Closure to meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2016 conference room of Public Works.

Ms. O'Neil moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Unroe seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned

Minutes were submitted by Patty Fohner, Public Works Accounting Clerk

Jerry Unroe, Co-Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Linda O'Neil, Co-Chairman \_\_\_\_\_