

Tree Commission
Thursday, August 25, 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; Marilyn Olzmann, Hudson Garden Club Liaison; Phillip Butto; Dan Szoch

Guest(s):

Absent: William Robinson

Minutes Approval: Minutes of the June 23, 2016 meeting were read, and approved.

Public Comment: None

Reports/Presentations

1. City Council Liaison
 - There will be a developer chosen shortly for the Phase II First and Main St. Project. Trees involved somehow.
 - Planning Commission is in the process of making changes to the code from last year’s charter changes. Not sure what role the Tree Commission will have, but will let you know.

2. Hudson Garden Club Liaison
 - Ms. Olzmann questioned the empty lot where Hudson Elementary School was located, inquiring about trees on the property. The School District owns the property, best person to ask is Chuck Schilling.

3. Urban Forestry - City Arborist
 - Dead ash tree removals on Brentwood.
 - First and Main St. tree recommendations from Deeproot (Silva Cell Manufacturer) are listed below. The following species are columnar shaped trees with roots not reaching out as far as Accolade Elm:
 - Deciduous, columnar shape, 20’ to 25’ max spread
 - Frontier Elm (25’ tall)
 - Street Keeper Honey Locust (45’ tall)
 - Deciduous Ornamental, columnar shape, 15’ to 20’ max spread
 - Cleveland Select Pear (40’ tall)
 - Ivory Silk Lilac (25’ tall)

Tree Commission recommended two trees at May 25, 2015 Tree Commission Meeting:

- Exclamation London Plane
- Accolade Elm.

Another tree mentioned at the August 25, 2016 meeting:

- Frontier Elm.

Decision on the type of trees for the First and Main St. Project will be made next meeting.

4. Commission Discussion

- New member Mr. Butto is Treasurer/CFO of Kenston Local Schools. Married with children, and interested in giving back to the community.
- Mr. Szoeh will call Silva Cell manufacturer, ask what species of trees they would recommend.
- Mr. Unroe will call Hudson City Manager, Mrs. Howington to invite her to a Tree Commission meeting. A good question to ask Mrs. Howington, what she would like to see out of the Tree Commission.
- City Council presentation, will discuss next meeting.
- Mr. Unroe calling Dave Zuro in regards to scheduling Arbor Day.
- Ms. Olzmann is interested in the saplings the Garden Club gave to elementary students. If saplings were planted they could be next Heritage tree.
- Green on Green, September 17th, 2016, 9 a.m.-1p.m.
Mr. Unroe will man booth: 9a.m.-10 a.m.
Ms. O'Neil: 10 a.m.-11 a.m.
Mr. Butto: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Mr. Szoeh or Mr. Robinson: 12 p.m.-1p.m.

Closure to meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 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 _____