

Tree Commission
Thursday, October 22, 2015
7:00 PM
Public Works Department – Conference Room
Minutes

Attendees: Jerry Unroe, Co-chair; Linda O’Neil, Co-chair; Dan Szoch; William Carroll; Tom Munn, Public Works Superintendent

Guest(s): Ms. Megan Griffiths

Absent: Chris Rigby, Garden Club Liaison; Alex Keleman, City Council Liaison; William Robinson

Minutes Approval: Minutes of the September 17, 2015 meeting were read and approved

Public Comment: None

Reports/Presentations

1. City Council Liaison
 - City Council Liaison not in attendance
2. Hudson Garden Club Liaison
 - Garden Club Liaison not in attendance
3. Urban Forestry - City Arborist
 - Ms. O’Neil suggested applying for a Garden Club Grant for watering downtown plants. Mr. Munn gave Ms. O’Neil the City of Hudson Grant Coordinators name, Ms. Rhonda Kadish. Deadline date is November 1, 2015.
4. Commission Discussion
 - Mr. Unroe wanted to add moving the Tree Commission meetings from third Thursday to the fourth Thursday, so Garden Club Liaison Ms. Rigby can attend.
 - A guest speaker Ms. Megan Griffiths is a new Hudson resident, she’s a trained Botanist from eastern Indiana, she attended Earlham University, and graduate work at Tufts University. Ms. Griffiths attended the Green on Green event in September, and mentioned the brochure hand-out of suggested trees. Ms. Griffiths voiced her concerns with some of the trees mentioned, she stated some trees listed are invasive species, she provided a list of proposed alternative trees. Listed are a few suggested alternative trees, an American Snowbell, Pagoda Dogwood, Green Hawthorn, Red Bud and Shagbark Hickory.
 - The Tree Commission will check with several nurseries on availability of trees mentioned on Ms. Griffith’s list. A new list will be created and posted on the Hudson web site. The Tree Commission members thanked Ms. Griffiths for giving her input, and invited her back to future meetings, she accepted the invitation.

Closure to meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2015 conference room of Public Works.

Ms. O'Neil moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Munn seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes were submitted by Patty Fohner, Public Works Accounting Clerk

Jerry Unroe, Co-Chairman
Linda O'Neil, Co-Chairman
Tree Commission Committee