

**Tree Commission**  
**Thursday, April 27, 2017**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Public Works Department- Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

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

Guest(s): None

Absent: Phillip Butto; Marilyn Olzmann, Hudson Garden Club Liaison

Minutes Approval: Minutes of the January 26, 2017 meeting were read and approved.

Comment: None

Reports/Presentations

1. City Council Liaison
  - Downtown Phase II ongoing.  
Hudson Dr. site of future salt dome and bus garage is held up due to environmental issues, (wetlands, Army Corps of Engineers, bats) also neighbors objected.
  - Mr. Kelemen questioned the report from Public Works in regards to Tree Maintenance, and Greens Landscaping bids. Mr. Munn explained the bidding process.
  - Annual City Council Road Tour happening Saturday, April 29 at 9:00 a.m. Council will take a bus tour around town to check road conditions, storm water conditions, and questions about sidewalks and paths. After Road Tour, Council will discuss all findings at Town Hall later that morning, the meeting will be televised.
2. Hudson Garden Club Liaison
  - Garden Club Liaison not in attendance

3. Urban Forestry - City Arborist
  - Mr. Munn said there will not be any hanging baskets or flower pots downtown this year. There will be watering around the Clock Tower plantings and Clinton St. flower hayracks.
  - Brentwood Dr. resident's choice of tree is a Silver Linden. Sixty (60) trees will be planted November 2017.
  - Arbor Day, April 28 at McDowell School. Mayor Basil, Doctor Debbie a Plant Pathologist, and Asplundh Tree Company will be attending.
  - Division Street trees have been pruned. Only diseased trees will be removed.
  - Mr. Munn received sight complaints at Nicholson Dr., Barlow Road, Acme Plaza, and Colony Dr. bushes, trees and brick structures blocking view. Mr. Kelemen mentioned a complaint about the Honey Suckles at Draper Cemetery. Mr. Munn will hit the plants with herbicide before Memorial Day.
  - Tree City USA Awards will be held in Aurora, May 10. Mr. Munn, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Unroe, and Ms. O'Neil will be attending.
  - Reserve at River Oaks put on hold until fall. Revisit the pine plantation November/December.
4. Commission Discussion
  - 2017 Tree Commission meeting schedule will remain as once a month.
  - Mr. Robinson said he is declining his Tree Commission term obligation in July. Ms. O'Neil mentioned her term ends in July, which leaves two (2) positions open. Mr. Unroe mentioned he has another year or two left to serve.
  - Ms. O'Neil is in the process of writing a thank you letter to Hudson Garden Club. Ms. O'Neil will also attend a Council meeting acknowledging Hudson Garden Club, and Council's impact on Silva Cells being passed.

Closure to meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at Public Works.

Ms. O'Neil moved to adjourn the meeting, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Minutes were submitted by Patty Fohner, Public Works Account Clerk II

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

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