

**Tree Commission**  
**Thursday, May 25, 2017**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Public Works Department – Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

Attendees: Linda O’Neil, Co-chair; Dan Szoch; Marilyn Olzmann, Hudson Garden Club Liaison; Jerry Unroe, Co-chair; Tom Munn, Public Works Superintendent;

Guest(s): None

Absent: Phillip Butto; Alex Keleman, City Council Liaison; William Robinson

Minutes Approval: Minutes of the April 27, 2017 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
  - Ms. Olzmann said maybe the Hudson Garden Club can donate grant money for new trees to be planted in the old empty elementary school lot located at Division and Oviatt St. Mr. Munn said in the future Mr. Hutchinson, Assistant Public Works Director will be doing the grant writing.
  - Ms. Olzmann mentioned the new trees planted in Siva Cells, not looking too good on N. Main St. Mr. Munn said there is a warranty on the trees that starts after project is complete.
  
3. Urban Forestry - City Arborist
  - There are a lot of ticks this year. They carry Rocky Mountain spotted fever, not Lyme disease.
  - Tree trimming East, West Case Dr., and Division St. Tree’s painted with pink dots are marked for removal, mainly ash trees.
  - Losing Sugar Maples and Norway Maples. Mr. Munn recommended Ross Root Feeder, and a drink of water.
  - Mr. Szoch attended the Regional Urban Forestry Conference, at Lakeland. He stated the key speaker, CEO of Holden Arboretum, and Mr. Munn did a nice presentation. Mr. Munn was impressed that Vermillion’s City Council does a tree walk in a bus around town.
  - Urban Forestry Conference at Holden Arboretum, March, 2018, with James Urban as speaker and Mr. Munn talking about Siva Cells in Hudson.

4. Commission Discussion

- Mr. Szoeh suggested Tree Commission members scripting a plan of action similar to Vermillion's tree walk tour around town for Hudson.
- Ms. O'Neil said at the Tree City Awards the Aurora Mayor mentioned that when a new development goes in, the City asks for the money to plant street trees instead of having the contractor put in the trees. She mentioned maybe Hudson can do the same.
- Arbor Day was a big success. Children participated in throwing a hand full of dirt on the Korean Fir that was planted.
- Three schools were mentioned for Arbor Day next year. Seton Catholic School, Hudson Montessori School, and Ellsworth Hill Elementary.
- Ms. O'Neil's Tree Commission term ends July. She is planning on applying for Park's Board. Mr. Robinson is declining his Tree Commission term in July.
- Ms. O'Neil wanted to thank Hudson Garden Club for their hard work helping our Urban Forestry tree planting program. This is Hudson Garden Club's 70<sup>th</sup> year tour. Tickets sold at Learned Owl and Acme, tour is June 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Munn talked about all the City projects going on in the City.

Closure to meeting:

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

Ms. O'Neil moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Unroe seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Minutes were submitted by Patty Fohner, Public Works Accounting Clerk

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

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