

Tree Commission
Thursday, September 28, 2017
7:00 PM
Public Works Department – Conference Room
Minutes

Attendees: Jerry Unroe, Chairman; Tom Munn, Arborist; Dave Faiman; Harry South; Dan Szoch; Marilyn Olzmann, Hudson Garden Club Liaison

Guest(s): Brad Kosco, Assistant City Engineer; Charlie Walton, Hudson Garden Club member, Holden Arboretum Board member

Absent: Phillip Butto; Alex Kelemen, City Council Liaison

Minutes Approval: Minutes of the August 31, 2017 meeting were read and approved

Public Comment: Mr. Walton voiced his concerns with the dying ash trees in the Parks and throughout the City, other projects taking priority.

Reports/Presentations

1. City Council Liaison
 - City Council Liaison not in attendance
2. Hudson Garden Club Liaison
 - Ms. Olzmann attended the Tree Commission Academy, September 26 and 27. She mentioned how beneficial the class was.
3. Hudson Assistant City Engineer
 - Mr. Kosco gave a presentation on the Permeable Pavers and Silva Cells installed at the North Main Street project.
4. Urban Forestry - City Arborist
 - Mr. Hutchinson completed two letters to the Hudson Garden Club in regards to how the donated grant money was spent and used for this year, also next year's request.
 - Leaves falling fast this year. Mr. Munn is recommending mower mulching the leaves. The leaves are good for the soil, they contain carbon.
 - Cicadas hard on trees this year, and tree companies wearing spikes on trees possibly spreading disease.
 - Tree planting on Brentwood November 2017.
 - Mr. Munn talked about possible grants for Holden Arboretum tree removals, such as Global Relief Detroit Utilities and Coca-Cola funding.
5. Commission Discussion

A. Old Business

- Tree Commission members suggested having a scripted video for the Council tree walk tour, which Hudson T.V. could record.
- Mr. Szoch will make a presentation to Council highlighting Silva Cells and tree canopy.

B. New Business

- Tree planting 2018 in spring, April/May. There probably won't be a fall planting.

Closure to meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of Public Works.

Mr. Unroe moved to adjourn the meeting, members seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes were submitted by Patty Fohner, Public Works Accounting Clerk

Jerry Unroe, Chairman_____