

**Tree Commission**  
**Thursday, October 26, 2017**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Public Works Department – Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

Attendees: Jerry Unroe, Chairman; Harry South; Phillip Butto; Tom Munn, Arborist; Marilyn Olzmann, Hudson Garden Club Liaison ; Alex Kelemen, City Council Liaison

Guest(s):

Absent: Dave Faiman; Dan Szoch

Minutes Approval: Minutes of the September 28, 2017 meeting were read and approved

Public Comment:

Reports/Presentations

1. City Council Liaison
  - Council is working on (5) five year budget plan. Budget will be ready the first of the year.
  - Street trees budget for year 2018 is \$305,162.00. Last year's budget for streets trees was \$ 380,000.00. With a reduction in budget, less trees will be planted next year.
  
2. Hudson Garden Club Liaison
  - Ms. Olzmann said she would like to schedule a meeting with Mr. Hutchinson to discuss the letters he wrote to Hudson Garden Club in regards to donated grant money. Mr. Munn will email both parties a date and time.
  - Ms. Olzmann mentioned Tree Commission Academy sophomore class sign-up.
  
3. Urban Forestry - City Arborist
  - Tree planting begins in November 2017.
  - The plans for the Wall House Hotel project on Barlow Road the plans were pulled. A Barlow Road Retirement Community project will go on the property instead. This project is preliminary at this time. The Tree Commission members would like to give their input on the tree removals for this project.
  
4. Commission Discussion
  - A. Old Business
    - Tree Commission members suggested having a scripted video for the Council Tree Walk Tour. Ms. Olzmann showed Tree Commission members a video recorded for Hudson Garden Club by Joe Russ. Mr. Unroe will contact Mr. Russ to see if he would be interested in doing a video for the Council Tree Walk Tour.

Mr. Kelemen mentioned special permission maybe needed before moving forward.

- Tree Commission members will prepare a Mission Statement next meeting.

B. New Business

- Mr. Munn will send a copy of the City tree ordinances to Tree Commission members by email for their review.
- On the City web site under Engineering Projects is a number of projects going on in the City, which includes First and Main Phase II.
- Trees on Koberna property located at Hudson Drive will be cleared before April, due to Indiana Bat regulations. Mr. Munn said trees will be in the landscape design to hide the salt dome.
- City is in negotiations to buy the Pasco building located at Hudson Drive and Terex Road. The building will house Hudson City Hall and Public Works. The Tree Commission meetings will be held at Pasco the second half of next year.

Closure to meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of Public Works.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes were submitted by Patty Fohner, Public Works Accounting Clerk

Jerry Unroe, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_