

Tree Commission Minutes

Thursday, December 17, 2020

“Zoom” Meeting-6:00

Attendees: Matt South, Dave Faiman, Phil Butto, Megan Ward, Jason Brumbach

Guests: Skylar Sutton, Janice Lindstrom, Dan Burkholder

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes: Mr. South moved that the minutes of the October 22, 2020 meeting be approved as submitted. Mrs. Megan Ward seconded. All voted in favor.

Public Comment:

None

Reports/Presentations:

Tree Commission Discussion- Mr. Burkholder deferred to Mr. South to lead the discussion regarding Arbor Day and how the Commission’s coordinating this holiday may be impacted by COVID-19. A very productive discussion was the result with outstanding input by all Commission Members. The end- result, the Commission agrees that the event should be held at the new middle school without student participation. The most important takeaway is that the school will receive a tree to recognize Arbor Day.

City Council Liaison- Mr. Sutton provided an update regarding the City’s five- year plan. Mr. Sutton advised the Commission on the possibility of tree clearing if plans for a new senior facility on Terex Road are approved in the future.

Hudson Garden Club Liaison- Mrs. Lindstrom updated the Commission on possible plans for a 2021 limited summer Garden Club fundraiser tour.

Urban Forestry Update- Mr. Burkholder provided a 2020 recap of forestry accomplishments. A new innovative root therapy application to promote long-term tree health was noted. Enhanced residential service was provided with a large volume of private property consultations/inspections to offer expert advice and point folks in the right direction when requested. The volume of work orders, trees pruned, mulched and planted were points of emphasis. A very nice warm thank you was offered to Mr. Burkholder by Commission Members. The kind gesture was much appreciated as Mr. Burkholder thanked the Commission and the community for all the support.

New Business:

Arbor Day Event- On going discussions will revolve around Arbor Day. Mr. Butto offered to coordinate plans with the new School Board Director of Business. He will put Mr. Burkholder and the Director in touch so coordinating can be accomplished regarding the tree planting location.

Tree Commission Goals and Objectives- Commission members noted an interest in exploring other possibilities pertaining to Arbor Day. Incorporating the possibility of a bench installment along with the tree planting was mentioned. Discussions will continue.

Closure to Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for February 25 at 7:00 pm at the Public Works Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46

Minutes were submitted by Dan Burkholder, Urban Forester

Matt South, Tree Commission Chairman _____