

Tree Commission Minutes

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Public Works Department- 7:00 P.M.

Attendees: Megan Ward, Jason Brumbach, Jacob Graessle

Guests: Dan Burkholder, Skylar Sutton,

Absent: Matt South, Phil Butto, Janice Lindstrom

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Brumbach moved that the minutes of the August 26, 2021, meeting be approved as submitted. Mr. Graessle seconded. All voted in favor.

Reports/Presentations:

Tree Commission Discussion- Mr. Burkholder offered a special thank you to Mr. South and Mr. Brumbach regarding the Tree Commission's attendance at the October 2nd Farmers Market. The event was an excellent community outreach opportunity. Free live edge coasters and a curtesy, recommended private property, tree planting list were distributed by Mr. South and Mr. Brumbach to the public. Mr. Brumbach noted this event was a success and future opportunities to attend should be explored. Commission members agreed. Commission members discussed the recommended tree planting list. Mr. Graessle inquired regarding public property tree planting and the frequency native plants are used. Mr. Burkholder mentioned native plant material is predominantly used. However, not every plant is capable of growing, in an urban stressed environment, such as a tree lawn or right of way. Mr. Burkholder noted the importance of diversity. All members agree, ongoing discussions and a review of the recommended list should take place annually. Mr. Burkholder mentioned eighteen beautiful spruce trees have been planted behind Turner's Mill public walking trail. The result of a Hudson Garden Club 2021 donation to the Public Works Department.

City Council Liaison- Mr. Sutton provided an update regarding the positive public feedback as it pertains to the TC recommended plant list. Mr. Sutton provided a thorough update regarding future City sidewalk development projects. E. Streetsboro (303), Middleton Road, and Stow Road, (north) were discussed. Mr. Sutton noted potential tree loss. Efforts are being made to preserve as much canopy as possible. Mr. Sutton noted the confirmation from the National Weather Service of a Tornado touch down in Hudson on 10/21/21. Mr. Burkholder noted, surprisingly, there was limited public property tree damage.

Hudson Garden Club Liaison- Mrs. Lindstrom did not attend. No update was provided.

Urban Forestry Update- Mr. Burkholder provided an update regarding two remaining, declining, downtown sidewalk cutout trees. Healthy locust trees have been planted to take place of the last existing elm trees. Mr. Burkholder reported the Downtown Main Street Fall Flower Display has been installed. Colorful mums and ornamental grasses have been incorporated to offer interest. Mr. Burkholder mentioned early stages of coordinating the City's Merry Mulch program are underway.

New Business:

Mr. Brumbach inquired using City social media outlets such as twitter, to get the word out to the public, regarding oak wilt pruning recommendations. All members agree, this is an excellent suggestion.

Tree Commission Goals and Objectives- Commission members noted an interest in coordinating Arbor Day, 2022. Ongoing discussions will take place.

Closure to Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for December 16 at 7:00 pm at the Public Works Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50

Minutes were submitted by Dan Burkholder, Urban Forester

Matt South, Tree Commission Chairman

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