

Tree Commission Minutes

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Public Works Conference Room – 7:00 P.M.

Attendees: Matt South, Jason Brumbach

Guest: Janice Lindstrom, Dan Burkholder

Absent: Skylar Sutton, Megan Ward, Jacob Graessle, Phil Butto

Approval of minutes: Minutes were not approved as we did not have quorum. January minutes will be reviewed for approval at the May meeting.

NOTE: A March meeting was held with no decisions as there was not quorum.

Public Comment:

A brief discussion took place regarding the use of sweetgum trees in the public right of way. Mr. Burkholder noted, he does not plant this species tree on any residential streets throughout the city. The tree does currently exist in a few residential locations. However, these trees were planted prior to Mr. Burkholder's arrival as City Arborist. The use of fruit eliminator sprays is not recommended.

Reports/Presentations:

Tree Commission Discussion- Mr. Burkholder opened the floor for discussion regarding the finalization of Arbor Day plans. During the January meeting, it was determined the event would be held at Darrow Road Park. Members revisited the species selection of a Bald Cypress. Mr. Burkholder led the Commission discussion regarding Earth Day at City Hall. Mr. Burkholder noted he has provided educational fact sheet handouts for TC distribution. Information on Insect and disease, proper tree planting, pruning, as well as the TC recommended residential tree planting list will be available to the public. Additionally, Mr. Burkholder is working on developing an educational arboriculture sign for public awareness. Also, the Arbor Day stone is available for community involvement signatures and the TC banner is in place.

City Council Liaison – Mr. Sutton previously updated the Commission regarding the start of tree clearing on Middleton Road as part of a sidewalk project. Mr. Sutton informed the commission of a developing project on N. Oviatt, near Barlow Community Center. The future assisted living facility will require some tree clearing.

Hudson Garden Club Liaison – Mrs. Lindstrom attended the meeting. No update was necessary.

Urban Forestry Update – Mr. Burkholder provided an update regarding forestry maintenance.

New Business:

Discussions took place regarding potential volunteers.

Tree Commission Goals and Objectives:

The Commission discussed interest in future public educational opportunities.

Closure of Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for May 26th at 7:00 P.M. at Public Works Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Minutes were submitted by Dan Burkholder, Urban Forester

Matt South, Tree Commission Chairman