

Tree Commission Minutes
Thursday, May 26, 2022
Public Works Conference Room
1769 Georgetown Road

Attendees: Matt South, Jason Brumbach, Jacob Graessle

Guests: Skylar Sutton, Dan Burkholder

Absent: Megan Griffiths, Janice Lindstrom

Approval of Minutes: Mr. South moved that the minutes of the January 27, 2022 and March 24, 2022, meetings be approved as submitted. All members agreed.

Reports/Presentations:

Tree Commission Discussion- Mr. Burkholder led the discussion regarding an Arbor Day recap. All members agree, it was a nice observance and are happy the public can enjoy a tree planted on public property. Ongoing discussions will take place regarding Arbor Day being held on public property as members feel this is an outstanding community involvement opportunity. Additionally, Mr. South noted the Boy Scout Arbor Day Event held at Cascade Park was a success and valuable educational experience. Mr. South noted he enjoyed working with Parks Board members as well as Scouts and Leaders. Mr. Graessle inquired as to planting location. Mr. South noted the sapling trees were planted within the woods along the main walking trail. Mr. Graessle thought efforts to restore the woods from past tree loss was outstanding. All members agreed.

City Council Liaison- Mr. Sutton updated the Commission regarding the Barlow Community Center Dam Project. Previous tree clearing took place and no additional clearing is required as part of recent activity. Mr. Sutton addressed the recent Tree Commission vacancy. Application review has commenced, a new member will be appointed to the position sometime in June. Mr. Sutton mentioned that construction has began regarding Peg's Foundation and the restoration of the old Baldwin-Buss building. Tree removal will not be significant and limited to the immediate site location. Trees will not be impacted on public property or the Marino Green.

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

Urban Forestry Update- Mr. Burkholder provided an update regarding the city's landscape contractors. Focus has been given to the Downtown- First & Main locations as well as public properties throughout the month and ahead of Memorial Day. Cleanups, edging and mulch have been accomplished where needed. Additionally, Memorial trees have been planted. The downtown flower

display has been installed. Rose bushes have been planted. Shrubs have been trimmed. The irrigation system has been serviced.

Mr. Burkholder noted the city's tree contractor has remained fluid in the area of maintenance pruning. Church Street, Brewster and Sussex have all received or will receive attention. Additionally, the crew has responded to several public requests. Mr. South thanked Mr. Burkholder for the hard work.

New Business:

Tree Commission Goals and Objectives-

Commission Members are interested in continuing the Volunteer Program led by Mr. Brumbach. Ideas to stir up a bit more interest were discussed. All members agree the program is valuable. Members thanked Mr. Brumbach for his efforts and noted the program was very well organized.

Firm dialogue will take place regarding future Arbor Day locations.

Closure to Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for July 21,2022

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes were submitted by Dan Burkholder, City Arborist/ Urban Forester

Matt South, Tree Commission Chairman _____