

Tree Commission Minutes

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Public Works Conference Room 7:00 P.M.

Attendees: Matt South, Megan Griffiths-Ward, Jason Brumbach, Jacob Graessle, Paul Stoehr

Guests: Dan Burkholder, Skylar Sutton, Tanya McInerney

Absent:

Introductions:

Mr. Burkholder welcomed Paul Stoehr, new Tree Commission member and Tanya McInerney, new Garden Club liaison.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. South moved that the minutes of the May 26, 2022, meeting be approved as submitted. Mr. Brumbach seconded. All voted in favor.

Reports/Presentations:

Tree Commission Discussion- Mr. Burkholder opened the floor for group discussion. The Tree Commission volunteer water and weed maintenance program was reviewed.

City Council Liaison- Mr. Sutton advised that there has been a zoning request change for the property on State Route 91. near Hudson Good Year. Future town homes will include some tree clearing. However, most of the clearing will be underbrush. Mr. Sutton updated the commission regarding the pickleball court construction at Barlow Park. Construction did not involve any canopy loss. Mr. Sutton informed the commission that the Barlow Community Center Dam Improvement Project should be concluding soon, and tree restoration will take place. Mr. Sutton provided information as it pertains to the former Middle School property along N. Oviatt, the historical oak canopy will not be in harms way and will be preserved regarding any development. Mr. Sutton provided an update regarding the significant impacts the major city-wide June 1st storm had on the community. Impacts included up to 75% city power loss that was mostly restored within two business days as well as invoking a city debris collection program to assist residents with cleanup.

Hudson Garden Club Liaison- Mrs. Lindstrom did not attend but provided an update. The 74th Hudson Garden club tour concluded in June. As a result, the Garden Club will be making a generous donation for tree planting in Hudson. Work is underway for the 75th Anniversary tour. Dates are June 16 and 17, 2023. Mrs. McInerney attended for Mrs. Lindstrom.

Urban Forestry Update- Mr. Burkholder provided an update regarding seasonal storm damage that has impacted general maintenance production. The major storm that occurred the evening of June 1st was a point of emphasis. Significant damage was sustained throughout the city. Forestry and

landscape contractor crews assisted with a city-wide debris collection program that followed. As a result, contractors are approximately three weeks behind on maintenance items. Additionally, more storm damage was sustained in July. Mr. Burkholder updated the commission regarding maintenance pruning, removal, and stump grinding progress. Mr. Burkholder informed the commission regarding all landscape contractor maintenance, including downtown flower service. Mr. Burkholder provided an update as it pertains to irrigation maintenance.

New Business:

The Commission looks forward to exploring grant opportunities. All members agree that past Boy Scout sapling planting was an outstanding community outreach and educational experience. Ongoing talks will take place for future opportunities.

Tree Commission Goals and Objectives- Commission members noted a strong interest in canopy restoration as it relates to public parks.

Closure to Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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

Matt South, Tree Commission Chairman _____