

Tree Commission Minutes

Thursday, January 26, 2023

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

Attendees: Jason Brumbach, Jacob Graessle, Paul Stoehr

Guest: Skylar Sutton, Tanya McInerney, Dan Burkholder

Absent: Matt South, Megan Ward

Public Comment:

None

Approval of minutes: Mr. Brumbach moved that the minutes of the November 17th meeting be approved as submitted. Mr. Graessle seconded. All voted in favor.

Reports/Presentations:

Tree Commission Discussion- Mr. Burkholder opened the floor for discussion regarding Arbor Day. Commission members reviewed City Park options. All agree, Hudson Springs Park is a wonderful selection due to recent canopy loss. Therefore, the 2023 Arbor Day Ceremony will be held at Hudson Springs Park. Furthermore, Commission members reviewed tree species options. Upon completion of discussion, members agree, donating a river birch tree to the park is the right tree for the right planting site. Mr. Burkholder informed the Commission that the Arbor Day brick has been ordered.

City Council Liaison – Mr. Sutton updated the Commission regarding the approval of the ODNR restoration tree planting grant at Hudson Springs Park. Council has received said approval. Mr. Sutton informed the Commission regarding the approval of a new board. The Veterans Affairs Board will be forming. Mr. Sutton updated regarding a council opening in ward 4 for the remainder of the term. Mr. Sutton provided the most recent update as it pertains to the future Special Needs facility on S. Oviatt Road as it might involve a degree of tree clearing.

Hudson Garden Club Liaison – Mrs. McInerney gave a Commission update on the celebration of the Hudson Garden Club's 90th year as well as the 75th anniversary of the garden club tour both being this year. Additionally, the Garden Club will be participating in 2023, Earth Day events.

Urban Forestry Update – Mr. Burkholder informed the Commission that the City's 2023, Merry Mulch program concludes at the end of January but might continue into February due to inclement weather.

The four- week program has run smoothly as the contractor was basically on schedule throughout the month. Collected trees were transported to Sagamore Soils where they have been recycled into a useful byproduct, mulch. Mr. Burkholder updated Commission members regarding preventative oak wilt disease pruning. Mr. Burkholder mentioned that the City's Tree City USA application for 2022 has been filed.

New Business:

Tree Commission Goals and Objectives:

The Tree Commission wishes to finalize 2023 Arbor Day arrangements.

Closure of Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for March 23 at 7:00 P.M. at Public Works Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Minutes were submitted by Dan Burkholder, Urban Forester

Matt South, Tree Commission Chairman