

## Tree Commission Minutes

Thursday, November 17, 2023

Public Works Department- 7:00 P.M.

Attendees: Matt South, Jason Brumbach, Paul Stoehr, Scott Welch

Guests: Tanya McInerney, Dan Burkholder

Absent: Jacob Graessle, Skylar Sutton

Approval of Minutes: Mr. South moved that the minutes of the September 28, 2023, meeting be approved as submitted. All members voted in favor.

Reports/Presentations:

Tree Commission Discussion- The 2024 Tree Commission schedule was reviewed and approved. Members discussed Arbor Day plans. As agreed at the September meeting, a ceremony will be held on the Boy Scout Green to replace the loss of a significant maple tree. Ongoing discussion will take place at the first meeting of the New Year. Mr. South suggested, perhaps, inviting a Boy Scout troop leader to attend the meeting. Mr. Welch mentioned he would attempt to coordinate that as he has a history with various troops. All members agreed, this was a good idea. Logistics regarding the Friday of Arbor Day or that Saturday will be evaluated.

City Council Liaison- No update was required.

Hudson Garden Club Liaison- Mrs. McInerney updated the Commission regarding the need for additional Garden Club members. Specifically, someone interested in areas of communications as well as a potential candidate for Garden Club President. Mr. South suggested the possibility of reaching out to various intern programs. Mrs. McInerney expressed thanks and indicated the recommendation has promise.

Urban Forestry Update- Mr. Burkholder provided an update regarding year-end accomplishments. Included were the total number of trees pruned, planted, and mulched as October concluded. Also noted were the amount of 2023 storm damage impacts. Mr. Burkholder mentioned the total number of streets that received sign clearing and block pruning. Mr. Burkholder noted trees at Hudson Springs Park have been planted regarding the ODNR restoration grant. Mr. Welch was curious regarding forestry staffing. Mr. South was curious regarding the process of which block pruning is scheduled. Mr. Burkholder offered explanations for both. Mr. Welch as well as Mr. South thanked Mr. Burkholder.

New Business:

All members noted a passion for exploring educational opportunities.

Tree Commission Goals and Objectives- Mr. Stoehr discussed educational opportunities pertaining to Arbor Day. Mr. Brumbach has agreed to utilize the City's social media outlet to push out educational forestry information for public awareness.

Closure to Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2024, 7:00 pm at the Public Works Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Minutes were submitted by Dan Burkholder, Urban Forester

Matt South, Tree Commission Chairman \_\_\_\_\_