



Minutes of the
URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022

Mayor Pribonic performed the swearing-in of John Berg

Members Present: Bob Brantsch, Chairperson, John Berg, Jeff Napieralski, Mike Rauh, Laura Root, Jeff Saltzman

Members Absent: Kaley Donovan

Staff Present: Sue Mottl, Landscape Arborist & Jill A. Janson, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Brantsch called the meeting of the Urban Forestry Commission to order at 3:37 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Janson called the roll.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. VISITOR RECOGNITION

No visitors attended this meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Ms. Root made a motion to approve the January 10, 2022 minutes. MOTION PASSED

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Tree Fest 2022 – Discussion held regarding the Tree Fest event on April 29, 2022 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. We plan to offer drive through visitation in 20-minute time slots. With that number of visitors, Ms. Mottl estimated that 180 tree seedlings could be given out (2 species). She suggested we put the bags together at the March meeting.
- City Council Presentation – Mr. Brantsch reviewed the presentation with the Commission and discussed attending the Public Improvements Committee on February 10th.
- City Council Liaison – Mr. Brantsch said he would reach out in an email to invite Mario Fiocca to be the Commission's liaison to City Council.
- Alan Siewert Recognition – Mr. Saltzman presented the gift certificate and congratulation card for the Commission's signature. Ms. Mottl will hand deliver to him at the State event this week.

- Community Management Plan – After discussion, Mr. Saltzman made a motion to approve the updates to the Plan, second by Laura Root.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- Card for Kaley Donovan (baby) was passed around for signing.

VII. NEWS ARTICLES –

February: Fruit Tree Pruning – Mike Rauh
March: Free mulch Days – Internal
April: Tree Fest – Internal
May: Report on Grant – Bob Brantsch
June: Re-Mulching – Mike Rauh
Jan. '23: Fruit Tree Spraying – Mike Rauh

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

Financial Report for 2021 – Submitted and discussed. An updated report will be submitted on a quarterly basis in 2022.

Deauville Avenue and Treeside Drive Treelawn Trees – Ms. Mottl reported that thirty-six (36) Crabapple trees, which were planted in the treelawn areas on two (2) of Stow's original streets, have apple scab and were recently removed at the direction of Mayor Pribonic. We will be replacing these with 40 trees of alternate species at no cost the resident. Ms. Mottl was not informed where the funds were coming from for these replacements.

Friar Road Treelawn Trees – Next week a letter will be sent to residents on Friar Road that, within the next 4 months, all of the crabapple trees will be removed. New replacement trees will be planted sometime this June. This project is being funded by the recently received State grant.

Commission's 60 Year Anniversary – Ms. Janson let the Commission know that this Commission will be celebrating its 60 year anniversary. To be discussed at next meeting.

IX. NEXT MEETING: March 14, 2022

X. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, the meeting ended at 4:34 p.m.

Bob Brantsch, Chairman

Jill Janson, Secretary