



Minutes of the
URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022

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 3:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Janson called the roll.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. VISITOR RECOGNITION

Lola Lewis and her Intern, Jasmine, were present at the meeting. Ms. Lewis is the new Regional District 3 State Forester (replacing Alan Siewert). She gave a brief bio of how she became interested in Urban Forestry, her schooling and experience with the State Department. Jasmine also provided a brief bio. Ms. Lewis asked if the Commission would introduce themselves. The Commission thanked Ms. Lewis for coming and looked forward to working with her. Ms. Mottl asked Ms. Lewis if she could provide an update on the Tree Commission Academy. She indicated that plans will be discussed to implement the Academy.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Ms. Root made a motion to approve the February 7, 2022 minutes. MOTION PASSED

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Tree Fest 2022 – A discussion was held to confirm the date of the Tree Fest event, which is April 29, 2022 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Registration is now open through RecDesk. We will be putting the bags together at the next meeting and Ms. Mottl asked if the Secretary would schedule Council Chambers, if available. Ms. Mottl said she ordered 90 Black Gum and 90 Red Bud seedlings. Ms. Root suggested that assignments be made at this meeting to determine which members would staff which station. The following assignments were made: Entrance – Mayor Pribonic and Sue Mottl (Bag Distribution); 1st Station (Proper Mulching) – Mike Rauh and Jeff Napieralski; 2nd Station (Proper Tree Planting) – Bob Brantsch (and Kaley Donovan?); 3rd Station – Jeff Saltzman, Laura Root and John Berg (Tree Seedling Distribution).

- City Council Presentation – Mr. Brantsch said he thought the presentation was well received by Council and several good questions were asked. Mr. McIntire made a comment that maybe we should include a tree planting program in the Fall, as well as spring and that additional funding may be needed. Mr. Saltzman suggested this matter be re-visited at one of our meetings in June or July.
- City Council Liaison – Mr. Brantsch said that he asked Mario Fiocca to be our liaison but, he declined and suggested asking Cyle Feldman. Ms. Root made a motion suggesting that Mr. Brantsch reach out to Cyle Feldman to request that he be the Commission’s Liaison, seconded by Jeff Saltzman. MOTION CARRIED.
- Commission’s 60 Year Anniversary – After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to schedule a celebration event in October. To be discussed at a future meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS: No new business was presented.

VII. NEWS ARTICLES –

March:	Free Mulch Days – Internal
April:	Tree Fest – Internal
May:	Report on Grant – Bob Brantsch
June:	Re-Mulching – Mike Rauh

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS: No other business was presented.

IX. NEXT MEETING: April 11, 2022

X. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, the meeting ended at 4:35 p.m.

Bob Brantsch, Chairman

Jill Janson, Secretary