



Minutes of the
URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022

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

Members Absent: Jeff Napieralski

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 3:32 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 were present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Ms. Root made a motion to approve the April 11, 2022 minutes. MOTION PASSED

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Tree Fest Recap – Members attending the event provided a recap; with the final summary being that it was a well-attended, popular event; however, Ms. Mottl said she would like to add more educational components. Visitors seem to be attending just to receive a free tree seedling. Suggestions were made to offer an instructive pruning or mulching program in the early fall or spring with attendees receiving a voucher for a free tree seedling that could pick up later. Residents would not have to register via RecDesk for this program. We will plan to discuss this program further at a later meeting.
- City Council Liaison – Ms. Mottl has a meeting soon in which Mr. Feldman is attending so she will bring this matter to his attention.
- Commission's 60 Year Anniversary – Ms. Janson showed the Commission the banner that Premier Printing prepared to hang above the booth at Summer Sunset Blast. A discussion was held about booth location, displaying some historical photos and possibly showing a power point on a 32" screen. Ms. Janson will bring the historical photo books to the next meeting so that some photos could be selected for a display or for a power point presentation. Ms. Mott will find out if a tent and power will be provided at the site.
- Community Picnic – Ms. Mottl will prepare tour information to hand out to visitors. Mr. Brantsch suggested having photos of Spotted Lantern Fly as an educational tool. Mr. Rauh agreed to bring a popcorn machine with all of the fixings, which visitors will receive after completing the tour.

- Tree City USA – Ms. Mottl gave a report of the Village of Richfield’s program.
- Grant Update – Ms. Mottl provided an update that all trees have been planted and the watering bags have been installed. Twenty-seven (27) trees were moved to the Partridge Highland’s subdivision for planting in the treelawn area; however, a resident was upset about having a tree planted and called the Mayor. Since then, all trees were designated for other areas: 12 were planted by the playground in the area and 15 were planted at Northport Park. Since the trees were relocated, Ms. Mottl will not include them in the grant but will purchase and plant 27 additional trees in another residential area. The trees are not doing well since they were dug in mid-April and did not get planted until recently.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- Card for Kaley – Ms. Root distributed the “Thank you” card for members to sign which was given to Ms. Janson to mail.
- New Member – Mr. Rauh made a motion to recommend Andrews Boateng as the Commission member to replace Kaley Donovan (unexpired term 01/02/2025), seconded by Ms. Root. MOTION CARRIED.
- Field Trip – Mr. Saltzman said he would like to see some stormwater basins in Stow during one of our planned field trips. Mr. Brantsch suggested we have a brief business meeting at two (2) of our fall meetings followed by a field trip to see some stormwater basins and trees. Ms. Root suggested inviting our Council representative.

VII. STOW SENTRY NEWS ARTICLES –

June: Proper Mulching – Mike Rauh
July: Watering – Sue Mottl
August: Summer Sunset Blast/Anniversary – Jeff Saltzman
September: Tree Planting Application Deadline – Jill Janson

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS: None

IX. NEXT MEETING: July 11, 2022

X. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Mr. Saltzman a motion to adjourn this meeting at 5:00 p.m. MOTION PASSED.

Bob Brantsch, Chairman

Jill Janson, Secretary