



Minutes of the
URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

MAYOR PRIBONIC PERFORMED SWEARING-IN OF ANDREWS BOATENG

Members Present: Bob Brantsch, Andrews Boateng, Jeff Napieralski, Mike Rauh,
Laura Root & Jeff Saltzman

Members Absent: John Berg

Staff Present: Jill A. Janson, Secretary

Staff Absent: Sue Mottl, Arborist

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Brantsch called the meeting of the Urban Forestry Commission to order at 3:43 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Jill Janson called the roll.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. VISITOR RECOGNITION – Mayor Pribonic was present throughout the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Jeff Napieralski made a motion to approve the July 11, 2022 minutes. MOTION PASSED

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Arborist Report for 2021 Grant – No report submitted. Tabled until October.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- 2022 Urban Tree Canopy Grant – A detailed discussion was held regarding this grant and the Mayor's commitment to ensure that City of Stow staff will be made available to plant all of the trees slated for the 2023 Spring Cost-Share Tree Planting Program and this Grant. Mayor Pribonic said he would make sure that the crew would be made available to get the trees planted with target dates of April 1st and October 1st. Laura Root made a motion to request that City Council pass a Resolution at their September 22, 2022 meeting approving and authorizing the Mayor to make application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Forest Division for a matching fund grant for the purpose of purchasing trees as part of the Ash Tree Replacement Project for 2023. The deadline to apply is October 14, 2022. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. STOW SENTRY NEWS ARTICLES –

- October:** TBD – Jeff Napieralski
- November:** Tree Pruning?
- December:** Christmas Tree Recycling – Staff

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

- River Valley Cardboard Recycling Bins across from Silver Springs Park – Laura Root asked if there was anything that could be done to resolve the problem of people not breaking their boxes down before depositing them into the bins. She said that so much more cardboard could be obtained if people would flatten their boxes. Jill Janson offered to contact River Valley to see if another type of bin could be used.
- Mayor Pribonic brought up the topic of tree funds that are being held in the Tree Trust for the Baker’s Glen development and the fact that most of the trees were never planted by Pulte or the property owners. He suggested that we meet with the Homeowner’s Association and discuss using the funds to get the project completed. Jill Janson suggested having a brief business meeting at the next Commission meeting followed by a field trip to the development to observe the status. Mayor Pribonic said we should meet with the HOA after a visit to the development and discuss next steps. The Mayor said he would provide Jill Janson with the contact for the HOA.

IX. NEXT MEETING: October 10, 2022

X. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Jeff Napieralski made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 4:45 p.m. MOTION PASSED.

Bob Brantsch, Chairman

Jill Janson, Secretary