



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

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

Members Absent: Andrews Boateng & Mike Rauh

Council Liaison: Cyle Feldman

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

CALL TO ORDER - Bob Brantsch called the meeting of the Urban Forestry Commission to order at 3:32 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL -Jill Janson called the roll.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. VISITOR RECOGNITION – No Visitors

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Laura Root made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2022 meeting. MOTION PASSED

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Arborist Report for 2021 Grant – Sue Mottl reported that 100 trees were planted this fall with the grant funds received. The City is required to provide a full report to the State by the end of the 2022, so Ms. Mottl will be working on that.
- 2022 Tree Canopy Grant – Sue Mottl told the Commission that this grant requires the planting of large stature trees of at least sixty (60) foot in height. Therefore, she is anticipating planting on Lakeview Blvd. (they have 10' wide treelawns and 33 vacant spots exist; which equate to 20 households) and throughout City parks and other City property areas. Opt-in letters will have to be sent to Lakeview residents sometime after the Thanksgiving Holiday. Therefore, we will be planting about 75 trees under this grant in the spring and 125 in the fall. (about 57 trees are slated to be planted through the Cost Share Program next spring).
- Bakers Glen Tree Planting – Ms. Mottl asked Ms. Janson to provide an update to the Commission since she was called in to a meeting with the Chief of Staff and the Law Department in regard to this project. Ms. Janson provided a history of the project, which started in 2014, and a summary of the decision by the Law Department to resolve the issue. The Law Department determined that Pulte is in default for not completing the tree planting in Bakers Glen. Therefore, we will use the funds to purchase the trees and hire a contractor to plant. We would send a letter to each homeowner early next year asking that they “opt-in” to receive a tree. Possibly, we could work with the HOA to determine how residual funds could be used to plant trees or shrubs elsewhere throughout the subdivision. Mr. Feldman provided the contact information for Baker’s Glen HOA President (Domenic Costa).

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- Tree Fest 2023 – After discussion, the Commission selected April 28 for the Tree Fest event for 2023; which is also Arbor Day. Detailed plans will be discussed at future meetings. Suggestions were made to attach planting/care instructions on the tree seedlings and to provide some additional planting, pruning and/or mulching instructions.
- Mr. Saltzman asked how many planting sites remain from the Ash tree removals? Ms. Mottl did not have an exact number at this time. After discussion, Chairman Brantsch asked if Ms. Mottl could provide an update at the next meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

- John Berg told the Commission that when he visited the Stow-Munroe Falls Library recently, he asked to meet with the Director to discuss how their shrubbery is being sheared because it looks terrible.

VIII. STOW SENTRY NEWS ARTICLES –

December: Christmas Tree Recycling – Staff
January: Oak Wilt Article – Andrews Boateng
February: Fruit Tree Update – Mike Rauh
March: Proper Mulching – Sue Mottl
April: Tree Festival/Arbor Day – Staff

IX. NEXT MEETING: December 12, 2022

X. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Bob Brantsch, Chairman

Jill Janson, Secretary