



Minutes of the
URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

Members Present: Moamar Mustafa, Vice-Chairman
Joseph Lane, Vice Chairman
Bal Rao

Also Present: Sue Mottl, Landscape Arborist
Jill Janson, Secretary

Absent: Gordon Matthews
Nancy Kroft

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mustafa called the meeting of the Urban Forestry Commission to order at 4:40 p.m. and the roll was taken.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. VISITOR RECOGNITION

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 7, 2013

Motion:

Mr. Lane moved and Mr. Rao seconded to approve the minutes for January 7, 2013 as submitted.

Yes Votes: Moamar, Lane, Rao

No Votes: None. The motion carried.

V. REPORT FROM THE FORESTER

Ms. Mottl distributed and reviewed the Department Highlights (copy attached), with a discussion following.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. EAB Update – Grant

Ms. Mottl indicated that 49 Ash trees along Crown Pointe Drive have been removed and, as soon as the replacement trees are received and planted, the grant will then be complete. Homeowners on Peterboro Drive were sent a letter regarding the watering and mulching of the new trees planted last year.

B. Arbor Day 2013

During Ms. Mottl's discussions with Cyle Feldman, Athletic Director, about tree removals at the High School (security issues), she said she would be happy to help. She asked Mr. Feldman to assist her in contacting Jason Smith, Director of Maintenance, to discuss Arbor Day tree planting events at the Elementary schools. Mr. Rao suggested that the Department offer an alternate type of program for the kids, like an article or drawing contest about Arbor Day.

C. Project Clean Lake

Ms. Mottl indicated that there is no word yet about the grant awards.

D. Big Tree Contest

Ms. Mottl said this contest has been advertised and posted on our website.

E. Rain Barrel Art Project

Ms. Mottl hopes the local artist can finish painting the barrel by April or May. It will then be displayed at City Hall so the Commission and the public will be able to see it.

F. Urban Waters Grant

Ms. Mottl said this grant required Council approval in order to apply and, since the matter was not submitted to Committee in time, it was too late to meet the deadline of February 7, 2013.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tree Removals in Silver Springs Park – Ms. Mottl told the Commission that she received proposals for tree removals in Silver Springs Park, behind Duquesne and Park Vista. The proposal costs came in over the amount that can be processed through a purchase order; therefore, this needs formal Council approval. Once approved, Ms. Mottl will notify and work with residents during the process.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

No Report

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

No Report

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lane moved and Mr. Rao seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Moamar Mustafa
Chairman

Jill Janson
Secretary