

MINUTES OF THE TREE COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD DPW, ON THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016, AT 6:30 PM

1. Joan Stevens, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM

**Meeting called to order
at 6:42 PM**

Roll Call:	Joan Stevens	Present
	Ald. Bruce Bailey	Present
	Michael Wendt	Present
	Becky Thorpe	Present
	Lew Silva	Present
	Terry Krell	Present
	Dan Ewert	Excused

Also Present: Dennis Fermerich City Forester

2. Approval of the March 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes

**Approval of 03/10/16
Minutes**

It was moved by Ald. Bruce Bailey, seconded by Lew Silva to approve the March 10, 2016 meeting minutes.

3. Aldermanic Report

Aldermanic Report

Nothing to report.

4. Superintendent of Public Works Report

Public Works Report

Nothing to report.

5. Chair Report

Chair Report

Arbor Day went very well. Good turnout of volunteers. Still waiting to find out if all the people that promised donations will come through. Ms. Stevens called the Fire Station in a plea for additional help and 7 fireman showed up. Two Alderpersons were there as well.

Plaque for Maple Grove Elementary Mini Arboretum arrived. Quality Awards made the plaque. (cost \$83) Tree Commission will pay for it. Ms. Stevens will present it to Maple Grove Elementary.

Ms. Stevens would like each member of the Tree Commission to plan a time to be at one of the Farmer's Market days in the summer to be part of the booth that Mr. Fermerich coordinates.

The list for a member of the Tree Commission to write an article each month for the Greenfield Website changed because Ms. Stevens was unavailable in May. The following is a list of members and the months they were assigned:

April: Lew Silva
June: Dan Ewert
July: Mike Wendt
August: Bruce Bailey
Sept.: Joan Stevens

October: Rick Moze
November: Terry Krell

6. City Forester's Report

City Forester's Report

The remainder of the trees for the 2016 tree planting project were completed on 05/06/2016. Lynndale turned out beautifully. 259 trees were planted in total including area City trees.

Amphitheater is almost complete. DPW has headed up the project from start to finish.

DPW & Forestry removed some trees on Layton Avenue. Some were re-planted but a few (3 or 4) were lost due to condition.

DPW dug all the holes for the trees for the Arbor Day celebration at Dan Jansen Park.

Mr. Fermenich suggested that a list be put together regarding what is done to prepare for Arbor Day. A list that can be broken down for members of the Tree Commission to take on a responsibility, so it is a shared/planned celebration, not solely falling upon Ms. Stevens shoulders.

7. 2016 Grant Application

2016 Grant Application

Nothing has been completed yet. Waiting for criteria regarding this. (usually in month of June)

Mr. Fermenich is hoping for some help with funding with the Farmer's Market, with tree planting & replacements for Ash trees and possibly some of the wood disposal situations.

8. Annual Review of Tree Ordinance & Policy Manual

Annual Review of Tree Ordinance & Policies

Nothing new to discuss.

9. Discussion & decision regarding licensing of Arborists

Licensing of Arborists

Still waiting on the City Attorney to discuss this and he is out of town until May 21, 2016.

10. Review of Mission & Goals

Mission & Goals

Mr. Fermenich would like to see a mission to develop a system for Arbor Day, to be perpetuated beyond a single individual, added to the **Mission & Goals**. He would like to see it become the "City's goal", to make Arbor Day a continued success.

Continue with keeping the title of "Tree City USA".

11. Budget plans and requests

Budget Plans & Requests

Budget will remain the same. Ms. Stevens would like to come up with ways to educate the community through seminars/events

12. Discussion about reimbursement to Dennis Fermenich for Tree Risk Assessment Course. (\$625)

Reimbursement for City Forester

Mr. Fermenich took the course and tested successfully. It was moved by Ms. Thorpe, to approve the cost of the Tree Risk Assessment Course for \$625, seconded by Mr. Krell. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Suggested date for next meeting: September 22, 2016 @6:30pm.

Suggested Date for Next Meeting

14. Adjournment

Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Krell, to adjourn the Tree Commission meeting, Motion carried unanimously. (no time noted)

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Kubacki
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