

**MINUTES OF THE TREE COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD DPW, ON THURSDAY,
September 22, 2016, AT 6:30 PM**

1. Joan Stevens, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

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

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

Also Present:

Dennis Fermentich	City Forester
Rick Moze	Greenfield School Board
Dan Castle (for Dan E)	Public Works Foreman

2. Approval of the May 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes

**Approval of 05/12/16
Minutes**

**It was moved by Terry Krell, seconded by Lew Silva to approve the May 12,
2016 meeting minutes.**

3. Aldermanic Report

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Nothing to report.

4. Superintendent of Public Works Report

Public Works Report

Mr. Fermentich reported that several trees on Layton Ave. (in the City Center Project) had to be removed. Mr. Dan Ewert provided staff to take care of trees that needed to be taken out. A retention pond caused the need for 6 trees to be removed. (Southeast side of Konkell Park) Some trees were 6 inches in diameter.

5. Chair Report

Chair Report

Tree Commission member, Becky Thorpe informed Ms. Stevens that she will be resigning from her position. She will finish out the remainder of 2016 but suggested a replacement be found for her as of January 2017. Alternate: _____ will be replacing Becky Thorpe.

Public Works was instrumental in the preparations for Arbor Day in making sure that the holes were dug and having everything ready and set-up for the day. They provided adequate help from start to finish. Ms. Stevens was able to raise \$3,000.00 in funds as she had hoped, this was given to the City for the cost of the Arbor Day trees.

The Beautification Committee could not help with the clean-up and going forward will not be available to do this. Ms. Stevens was able to bring 2,580 people together to volunteer for clean-up.

Flower planting at City Hall went very well and they also had a very successful

Garden Tour with over 342 attendees. There is plans for a Pruning Seminar on October 22nd being given by Mr. Fermenich, at the Library, co-sponsored by The Beautification Committee and the Library. Ms. Stevens believes seminars are a great source of education for the public.

DPW moved the sculpture in front of the Library and did a decorative wall as well as adding some flowers in front. Ms. Stevens and Sheila refreshed the design in front of the Library as well.

Mr. Fermenich and Ms. Stevens met to discuss how to build awareness and support of trees & forestry by preparing brochures, educational videos & holding seminars. They hope to have something more to share before the end of 2016.

Any interested Tree Commission members that would like to help with representation at the Farmer's Market should let Mr. Fermenich know.

Ms. Stevens would like to submit an article to DNR for a write up about the successes of the City of Greenfield Urban Forestry.

6. City Forester's Report

City Forester's Report

For the EAB treatments, there are a number of streets that have trees that have had trunk injection treatments. This was done 2 years ago and this year instead, only a soil treatment was done. Trunk injection will be done again next year. Mr. Fermenich and Joel Kolster from DPW work closely together to treat the City trees. There have been about 6 trees that have been lost even though they were given a trunk injection treatment out of 350 trees.

There is a new grant being made available to re-forest communities that are along Lake Michigan's border that are affected by EAB. The grant is a 75% match. (\$25,000 max.) City contributes 25%. Only for Re-foresting communities. Renee from the Engineering Dept. will be assisting to write the application for a Re-foresting grant. There will about 100 bare root trees planted in 4 ROW/parcel areas to create a canopy of trees. There is also a parcel of land near 62nd street where more trees will be planted as well. Mr. Fermenich would also like to make about 50 trees available to the residents of Greenfield, on a first come first serve basis. (Cost would be about \$50 for a tree per resident) Mr. Fermenich is calling this the Re-Cover Greenfield Grant.

7. 2017 Arbor Day Project

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Konkel Park Amphitheater needs a lot of planting. (First Saturday in May 2017)

8. Plans to apply for 2017 DNR Grant

Plans for 2017 Grant

Mr. Fremenich is working on applying for it. Focus will be on the Farmer's Market, Schools, Parks and some Ash treatments in City ROW. Similar to Grant in 2015. Nothing specific presently.

9. Pre-selection of trees for 2017

Pre-selection of Trees for 2017

Species selections will be much of the same as prior years. (16 different species – about 250 trees)

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| <p>10. Discussion regarding Forestry Budget</p> <p>Presently discussion is the hope to expand the budget.</p> | <p>Discussion for Forestry
Budget</p> |
| <p>11. Licensing for Tree Service Companies</p> <p>Ms. Stevens did call the City Attorney regarding this matter. Still waiting on a response.</p> | <p>Licensing for Tree
Service Companies</p> |
| <p>12. Suggested date & discussion items for next meeting</p> <p>December 1, 2016 @6:30pm</p> <p>Ecology Essay Contest (4th grade students)</p> <p>Goals for 2017</p> | <p>Suggested Date &
Discussion for
Next Meeting</p> |
| <p>13. Adjournment</p> <p>It was moved by Mr. Wendt, seconded by Mr. Krell, to adjourn the Tree Commission meeting, Motion carried unanimously. (8:04 pm)</p> | <p>Adjournment</p> |

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Kubacki
Clerk Typist
Division of Public Works

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