



Tree Commission
Tuesday, July 27, 2021 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1 Call to Order

Committee Chair Marvin Block Called the Tree Commission meetig to order for July 27, 2021 at 5:10 p.m.

Members present: Chairman Block, Charlie Campbell, Donald Barnard, Leah Argyle
Absent: Andy Bruney

Staff present: Bailey Klimchak, Teresa Monroe

Public present: None

2 Action on Minutes

a June 22, 2021

ACTION: Andy Bruney moved to Approve the minutes of the previous meeting; Marvin Block seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Marvin Block, Andy Bruney, Leah Argyle, Charlie Campbell

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

Marvin Block addressed the Silk Lilac trees the village planted on US 62 saying we have lost about ten of them, he will be replacing them, they are on order and will be in September or October. Will add a tag on resident doors to help water them.

3 Donated trees for Trailhead parking lot and Memorial Tree Fund

Will be planting five trees at the Trailhead Park; donated by Council members Chip Dutcher, Carol Van Deest, Cheryl Robertson, Doug Lehner and Sharon Hendren; have not discussed variety yet, they will be planted on the property line of the new parking lot.

Commission discussion on what variety trees to add, considerations for height, shade, root system, maintenance etc. Decision to go with two Ginkgo Biloba and three Tri-Color Beech trees.

A Memorial Tree is being donated by Village Manager Jim Lenner, it was requested that it be an Oak tree. In addition to planting a tree at the school for Arbor Day, planting a tree at the village offices was also discussed, Ms. Klimchak asked if committee wanted to use the donated memorial tree; committee was in favor. A plaque with all Memorial Tree donor

names will be ordered for Council Chambers.

4 Tree Preservation Ordinance

a **ORDINANCE 34-2021** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1183 OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Bailey Klimchak presented an Ordinance draft that would amend Chapter 1183 to include a section on Preservation of Trees and Wooded Areas. When developers or new business want to come to Johnstown and build a new structure, they will have some tree preservation rules to follow. Commission discussion on the draft and "major" tree replacement requirements; edits to the draft noted by Ms. Klimchak; Commissioners said they do not need to see the ordinance again.

ACTION: Andy Bruney moved to Approve the Tree Preservation Ordinance and the amendments made today and forward to Planning and Zoning; Charlie Campbell seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Marvin Block, Andy Bruney, Leah Argyle, Charlie Campbell, Donald Barnard

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 5 - 0

5 Arbor Day planning

Ms. Klimchak talked with the school and they would love to participate, they have a list of desired trees and locations where they would like to plant those trees. Location shown, they have chosen a Swamp White Oak, pricing is \$395, if in favor, the Tree Commission would donate the funds and the school would take care of ordering the tree to the location, Ms. Klimchak would work with them to get the event set up. Commission in favor 5-0 of donating the money and letting them order the tree that fits in their plan. Ms. Klimchak said she would work with them on getting a date and the event set up. Will provide updates next meeting.

6 Other Business

1. Bailey Klimchak updated the Commission on the arborist's assessment of Main Street trees, has identified some problem trees and gave prices. The Safety and Service Committee and Village Council were generous enough to say the village would pay for pruning and trimming those trees to get them healthy; staff working on a schedule. The arborist will also schedule to trim the oak at the trailhead; cabling to be done next year.

2. Mr. Block said there are two crappy looking trees on Main Street but they are in front of a Councilman's house, asked if it were possible to get those taken down within the

price given by the arborist for tree trimming, would that be ok with the Commission. Mr. Block said they are rotted down in. There was no objection if it can be done within the price quoted.

3. Next meeting August 24th at 5:00 pm. September is the 28th, October is the 26th.

7 Adjourn

No further business, all were in favor of adjournment.

Meeting ended at 6:04 pm