



Tree Commission Meeting
Tuesday, October 26, 2021 - 5:00 PM
AGENDA

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Action on Minutes
 - a August 24, 2021
- 3 1500 Trees - Steve Stilwell
- 4 Arbor Day celebration update
 - a Mayor's Proclamation
- 5 Tree City USA 2021
- 6 Trailhead Parking Lot Trees
- 7 Other Business
- 8 Adjourn



Tree Commission
Tuesday, August 24, 2021 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1 Call to Order

Vice Committee Chair Andy Bruney called the Tree Commission meeting to order for August 24, 2021 at 5:01 p.m.

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

Absent: Marvin Block

Staff present: Bailey Klimchak, Teresa Monroe

Public present: None

2 Action on Minutes

a July 27, 2021

Correction to minutes noted; Don Barnard was absent last meeting.

ACTION: Charlie Campbell moved to Approve; Leah Argyle seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Andy Bruney, Charlie Campbell, Don Barnard, Leah Argyle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

3 Trailhead Parking Lot tree planting

Varieties previously discussed and chosen for planting were three Tri-Color Beach and two Ginkgo Bilobas planted every other. Bailey Klimchak said she had this on the agenda to talk with Marvin Block about when we might be able to get the trees and discuss a schedule to get them in the ground; she will talk to him when she sees him next and provide the commission with an update. Planting of the trees will take place after the parking lot extension is paved. Andy Bruney highlighted that the five trees were donated by five different council members and Village Manager Jim Lenner donated to the Memorial Tree Fund and requested planting an Oak tree. It was noted the trees will be three-inch caliper.

4 Arbor Day planning

At last meeting the Tree Commission approved donating the funds to Johnstown Elementary School for the Swamp White Oak to be planted for the Arbor Day celebration;

Vision Statement: The Village of Johnstown is dedicated to providing a secure community environment that fosters cultural, recreational, educational and economic opportunities while preserving our unique historical character

Finance Director has mailed the check. Arbor Day celebration being planned for September 23, 2021 sometime in the morning; rain date set for September 30th. Location of planting shown to the commission. Discussion on the day of agenda; as details are confirmed with the school they will be shared with the Commission by Bailey. Discussed the idea of an annual tree donation to the schools.

5 Main Street Tree Trimming - Update

Trimming began today and will continue over the next two days; Bailey Klimchak said Police traffic control was secured ahead of time.

6 Other Business

1. Oak tree donated to the Memorial Tree Fund will likely be planted same time as other trees, around the Arbor Day celebration or same time as the trailhead trees.
2. Don Barnard noted that Granville has their memorial trees tagged with tree name and some facts about the tree; discussion on ways we could implement something similar.
3. Update from last minutes; the Arborist and Council person with the Main Street trees that were discussed for removal will be getting together separately.
4. Ms. Klimchak to pass along updates for the Arbor Day ceremony to the commission.

7 Adjourn

ACTION: Don Barnard moved to Adjourn; Leah Argyle seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Andy Bruney, Charlie Campbell, Don Barnard, Leah Argyle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm

Proclamation

ARBOR DAY 2021

Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, the holiday, called Arbor Day, is now observed throughout the nation, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,

Now Therefore, I, Charles Dutcher, Mayor of the Village of Johnstown, do hereby proclaim **September 23, 2021** as **ARBOR DAY**. I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Further, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Charles Dutcher, Mayor
Village of Johnstown
September 21, 2021