



Tree Commission  
Tuesday, February 22, 2022 - 5:00 PM  
MINUTES

1 Call to Order

Committee Chairman Marvin Block Called the Tree Commission meeting to order for February 22, 2022 at 5:05 p.m.

Members present: Andy Bruney, Donald Barnard, Marvin Block

Absent: Charlie Campbell, Leah Argyle

Staff present: Bailey Klimchak, Teresa Monroe

Public present: None

2 Action on Minutes

a October 26, 2021

**ACTION:** Marvin Block moved to Approve; Donald Barnard seconded and all were in favor.

**AYES:** Marvin Block, Andy Bruney, Donald Barnard

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**Passed 3 - 0**

3 Tree City status renewed

Application was submitted at the end of last year and was approved at the beginning of this year. Tree City Status was renewed for 2022, the city's second year.

4 Tree preservation ordinance

In a case last year, the Supreme Court issued an opinion that suggests some parts of our Tree Preservation Ordinance may be unconstitutional and are in need of revision; it is currently under review by the City Attorney. Mr. Block noted the potential for a special meeting to get it passed and that they could ask the Council to have the Zoning Commission hold up any large expansion in town until this gets straightened out.

**ACTION:** Marvin Block moved to ask council to hold up issuing permits on development for thirty to forty-five days; Donald Barnard seconded and all were in favor.

**AYES:** Marvin Block, Andy Bruney, Donald Barnard

**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**Passed 3 - 0**

5 Arbor Day planning - 2022 is 150th celebration

April 29th is the National Arbor Day celebration. Discussion on ideas for Arbor Day 2022, tree varieties such as a Red Oak that could be planted, location options and how to involve the public. Planting date decided for end of April, Bailey to call the schools and Don to call the Presbyterian Church Preschool to discuss the best date. When location and date are decided, Bailey will make the OUPS call to mark any utilities.

6 Trailhead Tree

The large oak at the Trailhead was trimmed last year and the Arborist mentioned putting some cables in the tree for support, Bailey Morlan said if desired, this could be a commission project for this year, that it would be within the budget. Commission was in favor, Bailey to get this on the arborist schedule.

7 Other Business

1. Marvin Block to call the nursery and procure a Red Oak for the Arbor Day planting, 2 1/2 - 3 inch caliper.

2. Marvin Block said due to not watering and heat from the street several of the Ivory Silk Lilac trees along US62 have died and he is not satisfied with the way the rest are turning out. Discussion on a game plan for moving or transplanting them; talked about offering to the residents first to see if they would want to transplant them to their back yards.

3. Discussion on other potential projects; walkway from US62 to Hannahs Park, utilizing a stone archway, utilizing stone Mr. Block has for benches along the walkway or at the Dog Park; transplanting lilac trees to the trailhead. For residents wishing to keep the lilac tree, the city could offer to uproot the tree and the residents could replant where they choose.

4. Next meeting March 22nd (meetings are 4th Tuesdays at 5:00 pm)

5. Marvin Block said he would like to remain on the Tree Commission but step down as Chairman.

**Motion:** Committee voted 3-0 in favor of Andy Bruney as the new committee Chair and Don Barnard as Co-Chair.

8 Adjourn

**ACTION:** Marvin Block moved to Adjourn; Donald Barnard seconded and all were in favor.

**AYES:** Marvin Block, Andy Bruney, Donald Barnard

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**Passed 3 - 0**

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm