



Tuesday, March 22, 2022 - 5:00 PM  
MINUTES

1 Call to Order

Committee Vice-Chairman Andy Bruney called the Tree Commission meeting to order for March 22, 2022 at 5:07 p.m.

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

Absent: Marvin Block,

Staff present: Bailey Klimchak

Public present: None

2 Action on Minutes

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**ACTION:** Donald Barnard moved to accept the minutes; Leah Argyle seconded and all were in favor.

**AYES:** Leah Argyle, Andy Bruney, Charlie Campbell, Donald Barnard

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**Passed 4 - 0**

3 Relocation of US62 trees

Discussion on the Ivory Silk Lilac trees planted along US 62 and that the trees did not appear to be in the best of health, location not ideal, little water etc. With Mr. Block being absent, no decisions were made, will need him to provide an update.

4 Arbor Day planning - April 29

On April 29th the city will hold a small Arbor Day ceremony; a proclamation will be read and a Red or Scarlet Oak will be planted in the side lawn of the municipal office building; Bailey to contact OUPS for utility marking. Andy Bruney and Marvin Block to pick out the tree. Discussion on involving preschool children in the event. Final event details to be discussed at the next meeting.

5 Chapter 1183 - Tree preservation edits

Bailey Morlan said that the ordinance put in place last year was deemed unconstitutional and has now been revised and edited by the City Law Director. Edits included reasoning for the preservation of trees, new definitions and extra wording. One big change to the ordinance will be to require a tree removal permit and applicants will list all trees they want to remove. That permit will go to a certified landscape architect who will review the plan and either approve or deny and provide a report to staff with requirements and reasoning

for tree replacement. Also included are penalties for violation of the ordinance. The fee for review by the landscape architect will be paid by the applicant. City Council has halted the issue of zoning permits until this ordinance is in place.

**ACTION:** Charlie Campbell moved to accept the attorney's edits and forward to Council; Donald Barnard seconded and all were in favor.

**AYES:** Leah Argyle, Andy Bruney, Charlie Campbell, Donald Barnard

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**Passed 4 - 0**

## 6 Other Business

1. The arborist is making room on his schedule to install cables in the oak tree at the dog park to support the large branches and prevent splitting. Discussion on the health of the tree and safety of the dog park patrons. Bailey said the arborist took down all the branches of concern last year and the balance of the tree is healthy; the cables are only to maintain the health of the tree. Commissioners are in favor of having the arborist check the tree annually for any areas of concern with safety.

2. Andy Bruney relayed conversations he had been having regarding the potential to save and transplant the large Japanese Maple tree located on a private lot on US 62. Baily said that Bell Stores is moving forward with their plans for the property. Andy summarized a procedure called air pruning; further discussion on the transplant process, cost and risk. Baily said there was \$10,000 in the Tree Commission budget but advised that a plan should be presented to council for their opinion on the cost, how long it will take and a suitable location to transplant the tree. Discussion on companies that could have the capability to move such a mature tree; Andy to contact some companies with larger tree spades and report back.

## 7 Adjourn

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

**AYES:** Leah Argyle, Andy Bruney, Charlie Campbell, Donald Barnard

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**Passed 4 - 0**

Meeting adjourned approximately 5:45 p.m.