



Tree Commission
Tuesday, August 23, 2022 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1 Call to Order

Committee Chairman Andy Bruney Called the Tree Commission meeting to order for August 23, 2022 at 5:28 p.m.

Members present: Andy Bruney, Donald Barnard, Leah Argyle

Absent: Charlie Campbell, Marvin Block

Staff present: Sean Stanearth, Teresa Monroe

Public present: None

2 Action on Minutes

a June 14, 2022

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

AYES: Leah Argyle, Andy Bruney, Donald Barnard

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

3 Japanese Maple Relocation

Andy Bruney said there has been thought and discussions for some time on saving the Japanese Maple tree in the center of town and the potential for relocating it. Mr. Bruney said he thinks we have underestimated how big the tree really is; he visited the site and provided some measurements on the root ball size that would be needed for moving along with some other insights. He said we will lose this tree and unfortunately there is nothing we can do about it, we have tried, but this tree is impossible to move.

4 Donation to the Memorial Tree Fund for a Weeping Cherry tree

There has been a donation to the Memorial Tree Fund and they are requesting a Weeping Cherry tree. Discussion on tree size and a possible site for planting.

5 Arbor Day 2023

Andy Bruney said that in the past there was a desire to have the city's Arbor Day celebration closer to the actual day in April; would like to target April or early May, Arbor Day is officially April 28th. Mr. Bruney proposes a Japanese Maple of good size and to locate it at a site with good soil, where it can be seen from US 62. Discussion on potential location and a search for a larger-sized tree from suppliers.

6 Life after Bailey

Losing Planner Bailey Morlan will require the Tree Commission to pay a little more attention to items that need to be addressed and put on the agendas.

7 Other Business

1. Andy Bruney noted the Urban Canopy Restoration Grant Program by the ODNR Division of Forestry. This Grant proposes to match the city tree for tree, dollar for dollar on what we have put into the community, the application deadline is October 14th for 2023. Andy said he will send out the application to all. Discussion on looking at park planning and green space in the new Strategic Plan being developed to avoid planting trees that may ultimately need to be removed. Focus on areas that are less likely to develop, parks should be safe areas.

2. No September meeting, next meeting will be October 25th.

3. Tree City Status applications open in September.

8 Adjourn

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

AYES: Leah Argyle, Andy Bruney, Donald Barnard

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0