



Tree Commission
Tuesday, September 29, 2020 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1 Call to Order

Committee Chair Marvin Block Called the Tree Commission meeting to order for September 29, 2020 at 5:01 p.m.

Members present: Andy Bruney, Donald Barnard, Chairman Block, Leah Argyle, Charlie Campbell (joined 5:07 pm during US 62 tree update)

Absent: None

Staff present: Bailey Klimchak, Teresa Monroe

Public present: Lisa Bowers

2 Action on Minutes

a August 11, 2020

Motion: Leah Argyle moved to approve the minutes as written; Don Barnard seconded and all were in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

3 US 62 Tree Update

Bailey Klimchak said discussion last meeting was that trees would be planted on US62 in front of Subway; since then the village had an opportunity to purchase fifty Ivory Silk Lilac Trees at a steep discount and would like to plant them along US 62 from the new nursing home to the new fire department, hoping to pick up and plant next week. Andy Bruney noted these trees could show stress in the heat along the roadway but was good with the choice; discussion on the need for good watering in hot months; discussion on a portable water tank vehicle. Lisa Bowers said it would be good to have a watering plan in mind for sure. The money for the trees is coming from the tree fund. There was some discussion on different varieties of the lilac trees.

4 Vote on Tree Ordinance for New Zoning

a Section 33.04-07

Review of this ordinance was completed at last meeting; edits noted at that meeting were updated by Ms. Klimchak.

Motion by Leah Argyle to forward to Planning and Zoning for review; Don Barnard seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

5 Memorial Tree Fund

a Memorial Tree Fund

Planner Bailey Klimchak drafted a donation form for the Memorial Tree Fund; discussion on wording, partial donations, plaque wording, certificates of dedication and tree choices. Discussion on tree varieties that could be added to the form; Oak, Maple, Japanese Lilac and Weeping Cherry.

Chairman Block asked for a committee recommendation to send the form to Council for approval.

Motion: Mr. Bruney so moved; Mr. Campbell seconded and all were in favor. Motion carried 5-0

6 Reschedule Arbor Day - Staff proposes October 23

Arbor Day set for Friday, October 23rd, alternate on October 30th; tree planting ceremony will be live-streamed, public will not be invited due to Coronavirus restrictions. Village Council wants to be the first group to purchase a memorial tree to honor Cletus Beam who was a long time Johnstown resident, was the Mayor and was involved with the school district and he recently passed away.

a Review proclamation for Mayor to read on October 20

Motion: Andy Bruney moved that the Cletus T. Beam proclamation be read by the Mayor at the village council meeting on the Tuesday before Oct 23rd; Leah Argyle seconded and all were in favor. Motion passed 5-0. (Planting ceremony time to be determined)

7 Other Business

No further business

8 Adjourn

Chairman Block moved to adjourn; Leah Argyle seconded and all were in favor. Motion carried 5-0 and meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.