

**TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Video Meeting via Zoom Technology
August 11, 2020**

**Members Present via Zoom: Dios, Jesionowski, Ludwig, Patzwahl, Sattler
City Representative Polinski,
Council Representative Kelly.**

**Others Present via Zoom: Service Director Liskovec, Robert Petkash (Red Oak),
Julie Holland (Normandy School)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes from June 9, 2020, were approved by all present. Ms. Jesionowski asked if the minutes will be uploaded to the website, she was unable to find them. The secretary will check with the Mayor’s Assistant to see if there was a problem posting them.

ARBORIST REPORT

Mr. Polinski said he would like to touch base on if there was going to be a fall planting and what direction we will go, such as will there be an Arbor Day project; are Memorial Trees going to be planted or will there be tree lawn trees planted? A lot of residents are wishing to plant trees as soon as possible. Mr. Doyle was very adamant about getting tree restoration going. Mr. Trimble from the Longbeach area wanted to reach out to council because the City is removing trees in the Longbeach area and not replanting. Mr. Polinski said he had explained to Mr. Trimble that because of the road projects and there being no curb and gutter, trees were not going to be planted in that area. Trees were being removed due to the Bartlett Tree Assessment/Inventory. Mr. Liskovec responded that he has had discussions with the Mayor and is looking to plant trees, including replacements and long-standing requests for trees, along with the Memorial Tree plantings.

Mr. Polinski reported that there are nine to ten residents who would like to purchase trees in the Crestview cul-de-sac area. Mr. Keating is the representative for that project and wanted to move forward with that. Mr. Polinski also brought up the Arbor Day Project whereby trees could be planted along the new walking trail path. If not, we will need a

backup plan for the Arbor Day Project. Ms. Jesionowski said we need to discuss this before the next meeting. Mr. Polinski said he was going to discuss this tonight.

Ms. Jesionowski wanted to know if there was a list of projects for Plan B. Mr. Polinski explained that there is a plan for planting street trees. The Bartlett inventory will have the information and he has been discussing this with Mr. Liskovec.

Ms. Holland said they wanted to plant a tree along a trail each year at the (Normandy) school along with signage. Mr. Polinski said there are nine trees that need to be removed in this area.

Mr. Sattler reported that the Arbor Day commemoration may be moved to October, which is a better planting time.

Mr. Sattler has spoken with the Sea Scouts to work out some arrangement with their planting project.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT – With summer recess, there have only been a couple of meetings to clear out items that needed to be done.

Councilwoman Byrnes-Myer wants to have a Planning Commission meeting on the 19th to discuss the most recent lot split to create a development on Red Oak. There was one area that may be considered a flood plain. Mr. Liskovec said the landowner is working with FEMA to get a Letter of Map Revision. The public comments need to be addressed for this situation. Mr. Petkash said he delivered a petition signed by 40 residents to stop further development in this area due to the loss of many trees and also the issue of where would the water go. He said there are many other residents that also object to the development. Mr. Kelly said this had brought added attention in regards to the proposed updated ordinance and may help move it forward.

Mr. Kelly explained the proposed development in more detail since some members of the Tree Commission had no information regarding this proposal. The wetlands area would need to be filled in. Mr. Liskovec said this area has never been studied by FEMA. Mr. Petkash also brought up that per ordinance, a cul-de-sac would need to be done, which requires 100 feet. Mr. Petkash asked if Mr. Colby could send a copy of his letter/petition to the rest of the members of the Commission.

Mr. Sattler explained that the Tree Commission is looking at the trees in this area. There are two different views: these are not trees you would want in your yard; however, from an ecological standpoint they are valuable. At this point, the Tree Commission does not have the ability to put the brakes on the development. This is the first time where we can see how the proposed updated Tree Protection Ordinance could help in this situation.

Tree Ordinance Update - This proposal went to a subcommittee of council and is now a working document. Mr. Sattler said he and Mr. Kelly have had some discussion with Councilwoman Byrnes-Meier and hopefully they can get the process moving on the ordinance. He has suggested that maybe the Tree Commission can do the presentation to Planning Commission that was given when the proposed update on the ordinance was

first submitted. Mr. Polinski said we need to make sure that they understand the ordinance that is already in place before we can move forward with the updates to the ordinance. They need to know what the Tree Commission does and what their duties and powers are. It is in the existing ordinance that we already have.

The Tree Commission worked closely with Liberty Development on Wolf Road and they only removed the trees they were supposed to remove (which were not good trees) and left the ones the Tree Commission recommended they keep. They walked the property with members of the Tree Commission.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next meeting will be on September 8, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Moore

Jackie Moore, Secretary