

**TREE COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Video Meeting via Zoom Technology  
September 8, 2020**

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

**Others Present via Zoom:**      **Service Director Liskovec, Councilperson Meier**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Ludwig made a motion to approve the minutes from August 11, 2020 and it was seconded by Mr. Polinski. The minutes were approved as written by all present.

**ARBORIST REPORT**

**ARBORSCOPE** – Bartlett is still looking into why the program is running slow.

**FALL TREE PLANTING** – Mr. Patzwahl asked if there was going to be a fall planting. Mr. Polinski said it will not be a “normal” street tree planting but there will be a smaller planting

Mr. Polinski reported that there will be 5 replacement trees in the parks this fall. They are also going to take care of planting requests that have been requested as long as two years ago. Mr. Liskovec has put together an Arbor Day planting plan which will be along the north end of the new walking path. Mr. Liskovec showed his draft of the planting plan with a variety of trees, which also incorporates the Sea Scouts planting project. North to south along the trail he showed Serviceberry, which is a native tree. Along the west there are three shade trees (Catalpa); east to the creek shows River Birch.

Mr. Ludwig asked what size caliper would be planted. Mr. Liskovec said he would like to use around a 2-inch caliper, or larger if the budget allows it. Mr. Polinski commented that a 2-inch caliper can regenerate faster and is a lot easier to maintain. A larger caliper tree takes at least 2 years to adapt.

Mr. Sattler said he would work with the Sea Scouts to see if he could exchange/replace their red bud seedlings with 2-inch caliper trees.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

Mr. Kelly reported that Council meetings are back to normal. He deferred to Councilperson Maier regarding information on the discussions regarding the proposed Tree Ordinance.

Councilperson Maier reported that there will be a Planning and Zoning Committee meeting for review and discussion on the proposed updates to the Tree Ordinance at the end of September or early October. Mr. Sattler said the Tree Commission would like to attend the meeting and go over what is on the books now along with the new information on the proposed updates. Mr. Polinski said everyone needs to be on the same page in order for this to work. Councilperson Maier said she will talk to the other members and maybe a person from the Tree Commission could be present. Mr. Patzwahl commented that there are a lot of trees that are being taken down.

Mr. Sattler asked if they are meeting in person. She reported that Planning Commission meetings are done in person due to the nature of the meetings. The Committee meetings will now be in hybrid format. Committee meetings will be held in Council Chambers.

Mr. Sattler asked if everyone had their binders with the information it. Mr. Polinski asked when the presentation was done at Council. Mr. Sattler said the presentation was done about three years ago.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Ludwig asked how the GIS Mapping is coming with the tree survey. Mr. Liskovec said they have all the inventory in one layer. He would like to have it separated with small medium and large planting sites, which should be on the next update. They are now working on the sewer maps. He will need to go back and check on it.

There being no other matters to discuss, Mr. Ludwig made a motion to conclude the meeting and it was seconded and agreed by all present.

The next Tree Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jackie Moore*

Jackie Moore, Secretary