

CITY OF AURORA
TREE COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, August 18, 2020

The Aurora Tree Commission met via Zoom on Tuesday, July, 21, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Deborah Davis at 5:44 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Deborah Davis – Chairman
Laurena Entsminger
Kim Pease
Martha Sickinger
Rob Swaney – Vice Chairman
Jim Tomko
James Vaca- late (5:58 pm)

Also Present:

Ben Askren – City Arborist
Amy Martin – Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To adopt the minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting as submitted

Ms. Sickinger moved; Mr. Swaney seconded, and the motion carried, on a unanimous voice vote.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

None

ARBORIST REPORT:

Fall Tree Planting

Currently putting together fall planting sites. Several replacements throughout town, approximately 20 trees could be planted in Phase II Beljon. (May wait until spring). Other new subdivisions need to be visited to finish plantings. Two memorial trees to plant. 5 replacements at maple grove syrup facility.

Tree Maintenance

Hartman house removals
Tree work where splash pad is to be installed (Kiwanis-Moore Park)
Raising (clearance pruning) on Barrington Blvd and Yorkshire Subdivision
Removal of trees and brush at Springhill

Weed whacking and spraying of park trees

Tree Museum (Looking Good)

Finished mulching

Mowed/Weed Whacked/Fertilized/Sprayed weeds around trees and in ditches

Waiting for Green Leaf Group's proposal for landscaping

Have 15 trees to get from Go Native Tree Farm/15 from Klyn Nursery – may wait until fall.

Tree City USA

Received Tree City and Growth Awards

OLD BUSINESS:

- Calendar Review: August, September & October (Zoom)
- North Coast Urban Forestry Conference

NEW BUSINESS:

- Landscape Awards
- Decorating for holidays contest
- Arbor Day Awards

MISCELLANEOUS:

New tree to measure at Spring Hill, Ben thinks it may be over 100 years old.

Ms. Davis, Mr. Swaney & Ms. Sickinger are going to measure a tree at a house on Eggleston.

Mr. Swaney will provide the committee with an updated list of Heritage Trees.

Ms. Holman asked how the trees are measured and Mr. Swaney explained by species, height, spread and circumference and total the points.

Ms. Pease shared 1st place photo that was submitted for Arbor Day. Parks & Rec will provide bracelets and sunglasses to winners. Ms. Pease will give T-shirts and gift cards as prizes.

Ms. Holman suggested that all committee members visit the community garden.

Landscape Awards can be presented to community garden members and businesses, not limited to just homes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Vaca moved to adjourn and Mr. Pease seconded. All in favor with a voice vote 7-0.
The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Deborah Davis – Chairman

Amy Martin – Recording Secretary Pro-Tem