



Tuesday, September 24th, 2019, 4:00 pm
City Greenhouse

Members Present: Jim Arthur, Cynthia Ball, Commissioner Dave Waddington

Staff Present: Todd Gibson, Nate Leimeister, Tom Speir, Melissa Vassallo

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm.

The August 27th meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Old Business:

There were no new removal requests to discuss. Tom Speir spoke about again about the tree at 1522 Columbus Avenue that needs to be inspected closer from the bucket truck when completing trim work.

Todd Gibson said he did take a look at the 3 trees that were planted in front of the BP Station on W. Washington Street. He said they do seem to be doing well and they look healthy.

Todd let everyone know the next meeting will be held at the City Service Center due to the Attorney for Charles Kraisner, Bill Smith, will be in attendance to appeal Mr. Kraisner's tree violation. The tree located at 717 Garfield Avenue. Trevor Hayberger, City Law Director, and Angie Kotsopoulos, Code Enforcement Officer, will be attending the meeting as well.

Tom said he spoke to Frank at Barnes about the GLRI plantings. They do not have a start date set yet. But he talked to him about the watering bags. He said the donut-shaped ones are cheaper and he hopes they will use those.

New Business:

The group looked at the tree stats. They agreed the trees removed number has definitely increased over the last few months. Cynthia Ball asked Nate Leimeister how stumps are being included in their scheduling. Nate said they try to remove 20-30 trees then remove those stumps before removing more trees so the stumps aren't sitting too long. Nate added that he also updates the Tree Inventory database whenever he sees a stump that is not marked so that they are not forgotten about.

Nate told the members that Forestry is starting the tree donation plantings tomorrow, Wednesday, September 25th. There are a total of 20 trees that will be planted on 42nd, 44th, 46th and 50th Streets. Tom

gave Nate the tree planting door hangers to use so the residents know the proper way to take care of their new tree(s).

While talking about the door hangers, Todd told everyone that we just ordered tree removal/tree trimming door hangers to notify the residents of when these items would be happening. The door hanger will list the week when the removal or trim will take place and the number to call if they have any questions.

The tree at the Skate Park was discussed. Jim Arthur said the subject got a lot of attention on social media. People said it was a great tree and shouldn't come down. It was removed by a contractor on September 19th, 2019.

Tom said he received a call the other day from a woman who wanted to plant a memorial tree at Veteran's Park. It was discussed and the best suggestion right now for memorial trees is for them to be planted within Oakland Cemetery.

The next Tree Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29th, 2019 at 4:00 pm at the City Service Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Cynthia Ball
Chairperson

Melissa Vassallo
Clerk