



Tuesday, January 28th, 2020, 4:00 pm
City Greenhouse

Members Present: Jim Arthur, Cynthia Ball, Breann Hohman, Commissioner Dave Waddington, John Parker, Joe Viviano

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

The November 26, 2019 meeting minutes approved with no changes.

Old Business:

Nate Leimeister goes over the tree stats for December and January. 314 trees and 304 stumps were removed by the end of December 2019. In January, the Forestry Division has removed 11 trees. They have been doing a lot of Young Tree Trimming. So far, since they have begun this program, they have done about 150 trees. Nate states it is the best time of the year for this.

New Business:

Cynthia Ball lets the group know the Recreation Department is supposed to attend the meeting today to talk about Arbor Day. They are thinking of having a poster contest this year instead of the poem contest as they have had in the past. She said the Rec Department would lead the event with Greenhouse staff assisting and judging the contest.

Nate tells the members about a planting request that was received. A homeowner, Chris Wiedle, would like to plant trees that he has grown himself at the Sloane House, 403 E. Adams Street. Mr. Wiedle is also requesting a large number of trees be planted, around 30. The type of tree is the Golden Rain tree. Nate says the tree grows to be about 30 feet tall. He said he placed five (5) trees on the database but even that seems like too many. The Sloane House is on a corner lot and Mr. Wiedle owns a total of three lots. The Golden Rain tree would work for the Adams Street side but the Franklin Street side, Nate suggests shade tree(s) be planted. The Tree Commission members agreed to deny the request as it has been submitted due to the number of trees being requested, more information is needed regarding the trees he is growing and more information is needed on his experience with planting trees. Melissa Vassallo will send a denial letter stating these reasons. The letter will also let him know to call with questions and/or to attend a tree commission meeting to discuss in further detail.

Jim Arthur asked if there would be an annual report given at a City Commission meeting again this year to speak about facts and stats from 2019. Breann Hohman said she can do the presentation but it will not be until March. Cynthia said she would check-in with Kelly Kresser to get in on the agenda. Bre will work with Melissa to get figures and information for the report.

Cynthia tells the members the North Coast Urban Forestry Conference is coming up on March 6. The deadline to register is February 14. Anyone who wants to attend needs to let her know as soon as possible.

The next Tree Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 4:00 pm at the City Greenhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm. At the time of adjournment, the Recreation Department had not arrived.

Cynthia Ball
Chairperson

Melissa Vassallo
Clerk