



**Thursday, November 19, 2020, 4:00 pm  
Virtual Meeting Due to COVID-19 Restrictions**

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

Staff Present: Aaron Klein, Scott Kromer, Nate Leimeister, Elisabeth Sowecke

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.

The February and July Minutes were approved.

**Old Business:**

Nate provided the tree stats through November 18, 2020. The Forestry staff has removed 110 stumps and 194 trees. They have completed 210 limb-ups, 41 complete trims and 87 young tree trainings. Also during those months, 327 trees were inspected. No one had questions on this information. The members commented that Forestry staff have been busy.

Nate provided an update on the GLRI Strategic Planting project and indicated that, under warranty, Barnes Nursery would replace 42 trees by the end of November.

Scott Kromer discussed the removal of several dying trees downtown. The tree grates were removed and the replaced with concrete to eliminate trip hazards while a master plan for the downtown streetscape is being developed by the Planning department. Aaron Klein indicated that he would provide Tree Commission with further information regarding tree locations as the new proposed design becomes available.

The Commission discussed the un-authorized planting of several Sumac trees at 403 E. Adams. A letter was sent to the property owner in January, denying the request to plant the trees. Because there is no record of receipt, it was agreed that another letter would be sent certified, requesting the property owner attend the next Tree Commission meeting to make an appeal prior to taking any further action.

The application for Tree City USA will be submitted by the deadline of December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

A crab apple was removed from 1106 Hollyrood without authorization. The Commission agreed to fine the property owner \$100.

The Commission agreed to meet at 4:00 pm on the fourth Thursday of every other month in 2021.

The next Tree Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2020 at 4:00 pm at the City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

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Cynthia Ball  
Chairperson

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Elisabeth Sowecke  
Clerk