



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

Members Present: Jim Arthur, Bre Hohman, Kippie Loughlin, John Parker, Joe Viviano, Commissioner Dave Waddington

Staff Present: Aaron Klein, Scott Kromer, Nate Leimeister, Elisabeth Sowecke, Jason Werling (Recreation)

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm. Jim Arthur was selected by the commission to serve as Chairperson and Bre Hohman was selected to serve as Vice-Chairperson.

The November 2020 Minutes were approved.

**Old Business:**

Nate provided the tree stats for 2020:

252 Removed  
130 Stumps Removed  
233 Limb-Up  
42 Complete Trims  
87 Young Tree Training  
12 Deadwood Trim/Removal  
353 Inspections  
92 Plantings

Aaron Klein emphasized the importance of caring for the new trees and shared that Forestry will be focusing on the purchase of a second bucket truck as funding allows prior to pursuing the next major planting projects.

It was determined to table the Sloane House Tree Planting Violation at 403 E. Adams until the owner can meet with the commission in-person and there was further discussion regarding the removal of a Crab Apple tree at 1106 Hollyrood, resulting in the decision for Chairman Arthur to follow-up with the Law Department.

**New Business:**

Recreation Superintendent, Jason Werling was present to discuss Arbor Day Celebration & Proclamation. The group discussed the idea of a poster contest for middle-schoolers and possibly

displaying the entries at a local establishment, perhaps Vita Market. Due to the pandemic, the tree planting will be featured on Facebook Live.

Aaron Klein reviewed the details of the 2021 Downtown Master Plan Tree List with the group and requested that any comments be submitted to him in writing.

Aaron Klein and Bre Hohman will work together for any potential future Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Program grants.

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

The next Tree Commission meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned around 5:00 pm.