

City of Kent, Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2018
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Members Present:

John Belfiore
Nadine Gomez
Andrew Scholl
Karasz Zoltan

Staff Present:

Brad McKay, Facilities Manager/Arborist
Rebecca Swauger, Account Clerk

Absent:

Audrey Kessler

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Nadine Gomez at 5:07 PM

II. Roll Call

Karasz Zoltan, John Belfiore, Nadine Gomez and Andrew Scholl were present.
Staff members Brad McKay and Rebecca Swauger were also present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Will approve at the next meeting

IV. Staff Report

Mr. McKay stated that snow plowing, potholes and tree work are currently number one Priorities. We do have more tree work than normal and have also received some complaints. Perhaps when the weather is better, we could create small after hour block meetings to address multiple concerns with residents in regards to trees.

V. Old Business

Mr. McKay stated that 2017 was a learning year. He is still learning and reviewing the six Routes for tree work, these routes help him to keep track of areas that are done. There Was no planting in 2017, as it was more important to maintain.

VII. New Business

Davey Tree has 7200 locations, a tree inspection is needed to confirm accuracy of the Software with regards to species and measurements. Also, software updates would Track the assessments, species, diameter, site location, address and gps. Allowing Resident's access to this software could generate fun information about trees.

The Farmbrook area of the city is currently being worked on.

Ms. Gomez suggested that we publish tree trimming information in the Tree City Bulletin. However, posting this information may lead to excess phone calls.

Clearance trimming is the only thing being done at this time. Pruning is best To be done after July 4.

Removals and stump grinding to be done in summer. Would like to plant flowering Trees such as Service Berry and Red Buds, they are pretty in the spring and mid-sized.

Ms. Gomez asked about Arbor Day trees for the Who's Your Mama Fest, yes we will be Handing these out.

Are there other ways to get trees to people? Perhaps in the fall at the Farmers Market? Mr. Scholl suggested that we hand out more information on the species given to each Person.

The Commission members confirmed the next meeting will be April 17, 2018 at 5:00pm.

Adjournment:

Hearing no further business, Ms. Gomez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 pm, this motion was seconded by Mr. Scholl.