

City of Kent, Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2018
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Members Present:

John Belfiore
Audrey Kessler
Andrew Scholl

Staff Present:

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

Absent:

Nadine Gomez
Karasz Zoltan

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Audrey Kessler at 5:10 PM

II. Roll Call

John Belfiore, Audrey Kessler and Andrew Scholl were present.
Staff members Brad McKay and Rebecca Swauger were also present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve made by John Belfiore, second by Andrew Scholl

IV. Staff Report

Mr. McKay said that the city staff has been very successful with the tree
Trimming, and they have also done approximately 40 removals.

V. Old Business

Mr. McKay stated that the Davey software is about half way through the updates
And should be complete in 2019.

VII. New Business

Mr. McKay says that the City of Kent has acres of area that we currently mow. Between
Burger King and Ivan Drive is 1.2 acres, he has been looking at ways to eliminate mowing,
And could do so by planting trees in this area. There is also 2 acres between Overbrook
And West Main that could be planted.

Mr. Scholl suggested that this be a project around Earth Day and people could volunteer
to dig holes. This would be an opportunity to show people how to plant, perhaps we
could do this in conjunction with Kent State and/or Main Street Kent.

Trees that will be removed by Davey will be 45' or higher, there are currently 75-100 that

Are waiting removal.

Mr. McKay discussed fall tree planting, and said that he would like to plant smaller Trees, these trees are lower in cost and more efficient. The exception to this would Be the downtown area.

The Commission members confirmed the next meeting will be August 20, 2018 at 5:00pm.

Adjournment:

Hearing no further business, Mr. Scholl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 pm, this motion was seconded by Ms. Kessler.