

City of Kent, Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2022
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Members Present:

Audrey Kessler
Jim Jenkins
John Belfiore

Staff Present:

Brad McKay, Facilities Mgr. /Arborist
Rebecca Swauger, Account Clerk

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Audrey Kessler

II. Roll Call

Audrey Kessler, Jim Jenkins and John Belfiore were present. Also, staff members Brad McKay and Rebecca Swauger were present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Audrey Kessler made a motion to approve previous minutes, second motion made by John Belfiore.

IV. Staff Report

Davey Tree didn't finish work from 2021, they are still working on it. Once they complete 2021 work, We will submit the items to be complete in 2022. Dominion has been doing directional boring, they Have finished up in the area of Valleyview Street and are currently working near Longcoy School. This boring has not affected too many trees or caused many issues.

V. Old Business

Davey will be planting 3-4 new trees on Franklin in the spring. We continue to work with the Engineering Department, they typically give us a heads up upon finishing a project and if there is Leftover funds, we can usually get some trees to plant in the area. Utility pruning is currently going on, this pruning caused major complaints in the Sunrise area. As previously discussed, we will work with the residents in that area once the weather breaks.

As of now, the group has agreed to meet the first Monday of the even months at 5pm.

VI. New Business

The group continues to work on goals for 2022, one of which will be the Haymaker Farmers Market, Where the group plans on doing a tree give away in warmer months such as May or June. Perhaps The group will use a sign up on the website for residents to use if they would like a tree. Along with The sign up, there would be a couple of tree options on the webpage that would include information About the trees, this would allow residents to choose which would work best for their space.

If residents sign up for a tree and there is a limit on the number given away, we would be able to give larger tree such as 3 gallon container trees. Brad will look into the cost.

Mr. Jenkins suggested a digital form with questions that would help determine what type of tree is right for the resident. He has offered to look into this.

There are spots currently open on the commission, and Council has received a couple of applications.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 4th @ 5:00pm.

VI. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Ms. Kessler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm.