

City of Kent, Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2022
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Members Present:

Audrey Kessler
Jim Jenkins
John Belfiore

Staff Present:

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

Guests Present:

Becca Berryhill
Jason Knowles

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 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, as well as guests, Becca Berryhill and Jason Knowles

III. Approval of Minutes

Jim Jenkins made a motion to approve previous minutes, second motion made by Audrey Kessler.

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. With the planning and upcoming contract for Redevelopment in the North Water Street area, it is possible for more Adopt a Spot areas. Also in Downtown area, metal grates around the trees will be removed and replaced with rubber material This spring. Mr. McKay mentioned the upcoming Tree City Awards ceremony in Richfield, he asked If anyone was interested in going, he would get them the information. Mr. McKay also showed the Group various websites from other cities that have Tree Apps on them. At the previous meeting, we Decided to use others apps as a guide to start our own.

V. Old Business

At the previous meeting we discussed the issues of planting smaller trees, when they are smaller, it Presents situations such as damage and theft. Mr. McKay let everyone know that, there are no trees In front of Taco Tontos or Rays Place, and both business owners would like to have them. The tree Give away at the Farmers Market was discussed again, with some new ideas such as having Requirements for trees to help eliminate residents that don't have the proper situations for new Tree growth.

VI. New Business

Mr. McKay passed around information on trees that are available for residents, and suggested Larger container trees. A fall planting seminar was also discussed with these container trees.

Mr. McKay also stated that he tries to acquire more trees each year through Engineering Projects, in order to plant more. He is hoping to be more aggressive with the downtown Planting on the “Bump Outs” and be able to put a decent size tree on them.

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 6, 2022 @ 5:00pm.

VI. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Ms. Kessler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm.