

City of Kent, Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2022
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Members Present:

Audrey Kessler
Jim Jenkins
John Belfiore
Jason Knowles

Staff Present:

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

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Audrey Kessler

II. Roll Call

Audrey Kessler, Jim Jenkins, Jason Knowles and John Belfiore were present. Becca Berryhill was absent. 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 Jim Jenkins.

IV. Staff Report

Mr. McKay spoke of the residents on Sunrise Drive and the need to replace some trees, he would like to speak with the residents and give them options. He also updated on summer pruning, and stated that they have not trimmed as many trees as he would have liked. He briefly spoke of the Tree City Awards and asked if anyone would be attending, Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Knowles both said they would be there.

V. Old Business

The group discussed the potential Tree Giveaway and decided on smaller trees, preferably in five Gallon containers that would be in a more reasonable price range for distributing at the Farmers Market. The group also decided to do the giveaway on June 18th, and will see what the reaction is. This will help to get an idea for a larger giveaway in the fall for larger species of trees. Mr. McKay would go to the resident's home and look at the space to make sure it is compatible with the tree. He would also drop the tree off and educate the resident.

VI. New Business

The group discussed planting sites and the possibility of crafting a letter to notify residents that they may plant in the area and see if they would be willing to help care for the tree.

Mr. McKay stated that there are approximately 125 to 150 stumps that need removed throughout the city.

The next meeting will be on Monday, August 1, 2022 @ 5:00pm.

VI. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Ms. Kessler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 pm.