



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING

July 13, 2023

Members Present: Bob Brantsch, Chairman
Mike Rauh, Vice-Chairman
John Berg
Andy Boateng
Laura Root
Jeff Saltzman

Members Absent: Jeff Napieralski

Also Present: Sue Mottl, Landscape Arborist
Cyle Feldman, Councilman
Debra Bennington, Commission Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Brantsch called the regular Urban Forestry Commission meeting of July 13, 2023 to order at 3:33 p.m. and Ms. Bennington called the roll. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. VISITOR RECOGNITION

No visitors.

III. OPENING QUESTION

The question "What invasive species do you hate the most in our area, and why?" was posed. Responses included buckthorn, poison ivy, multiflora rose, Japanese knotweed, dandelion, kudzu, and phragmites.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Mr. Saltzman moved to approve the minutes of June 12, 2023 as submitted.

Yes Votes: Brantsch, Berg, Boateng, Rauh, Root, Saltzman

No Votes: None. The motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Mottl gave an update on the 2022 Urban Tree Canopy Restoration Grant. There is approximately \$30,000 to spend, but that also includes labor, watering bags, and deer guards. She has a meeting next week to review and finalize tree plantings in park properties. Monies must be spent and everything submitted by December 31, 2023.
- b. Chris Sheridan from the Parks & Recreation Department will attend our September meeting to discuss melding their new program Earth Fest with our program Tree Fest.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Mr. Brantsch posed adding one (1) member to the Commission.
- b. The Commission discussed the legislation currently before Council pertaining to a charter amendment that would mandate all Boards & Commissions broadcast live their entire meetings.

VIII. NEWS ARTICLES

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| July | Patriotic Tree – Mike Rauh |
| August | Callery Pear / Invasive Trees – Jeff Napieralski |
| September | Tree Planting Deadline Reminder – Sue Mottl |
| October | Planting Native Species to Assist with Stormwater – Sue Mottl |

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Bob Brantsch
Chairman, Urban Forestry Commission

Debra Bennington
Secretary, Urban Forestry Commission

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