



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING

August 14, 2023

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

Members Absent: Andy Boateng
Jeff Napieralski

Also Present: Sue Mottl, Landscape Arborist
Debra Bennington, Commission Secretary
Joe Kollar

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Brantsch called the regular Urban Forestry Commission meeting of August 14, 2023 to order at 3:34 p.m. and Ms. Bennington called the roll. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. VISITOR RECOGNITION

Joe Kollar was present.

III. OPENING QUESTION

Each member answered the question "Tell us everything you know about your first, middle, and last name."

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Ms. Root moved to approve the minutes of July 13, 2023 as submitted.

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

No Votes: None. The motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Additional New Member

Mr. Brantsch indicated he would write a letter to Council requesting one (1) additional member be added to the Commission.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Invasive Plants in our Backyard

An educational walk to assist the public in identifying invasive plants will be held on October 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting location is at the S.O.A.R. playground parking lot, 5027 Stow Road.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Tree/Earth Fest

Two employees from Parks & Recreation will attend the September meeting to discuss combining Earth Fest and Tree Fest events. Ms. Mottl will not be in attendance. After discussion, it was determined the event could be held inside Silver Springs Lodge with the library, Summit Soil & Water Conservation, Summit Metro Parks, Ohio EPA, and Urban Forestry in attendance. A scavenger/passport card would be given to attendees so that people would need to ask questions to get a seedling to take home. Tentative event dates are April 13 and April 20, 2024. Ms. Mottl will ask Parks & Recreation to place on a hold on the lodge on those dates.

VIII. NEWS ARTICLES

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 September 11, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Bob Brantsch
Chairman, Urban Forestry Commission

Debra Bennington
Secretary, Urban Forestry Commission

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