



Shade Tree and Beautification
Commission Meeting

Minutes

July 30, 2024
3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Matthew T. Starr	Mayor	Absent	
James Brown	Chair	Present	
Brian Ball	City Engineer	Absent	
Quetin Platt	Asst. Engineer	Present	
Duane Barber	Board Member	Absent	
Sarah Wagner	Board Member	Excused	
Laura De Leon	Board Member	Present	
Randy Pursel	Parks Department	Present	

Brian Wade-Wade and Gatton Nursery
Zane Mikesell-Engineering
Judy Isett-Recording Secretary
Scott Zimmerman-Complete Maintenance

MINUTES APPROVAL

January, February, March, April, May and June, 2024

May meeting did not record on UTube. Mr. Mentzer made a motion to accept the minutes from January, February, March, April, May and June. Ms. DeLeon seconded the motion. AIF, motion carries.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Brown stated that we have \$18,000.00 left in the Arbor Trust for planting trees this Fall.

NEW BUSINESS

Town and Country Pollinators

OLD BUSINESS

Bee City

Mr. Platt stated that Bee City talked about different options between planting Sycamore trees on Beech Street on top of the ditch.

This fall they plan on putting seed on the bank - Black eyed Susan and cone flowers There is a 10 ft x 2 0ft space behind the Carpenters shop and they plan on planting wild flowers.

First Friday is going great

West Prairie they have fill dirt to put in and plan on doing planting this in 2025, but it might be this fall. Mr. Brown asked if this would come out of the Stormwater account.

Mr. Platt stated that Mike Pyrada cleaned out the lime ponds area.

2024 Fall Planting Plan

Fall Planting:

We plan on planting trees this fall at Sandusky Street, Catherine Street, and the West End, . Mr. Brown stated that we will have some replacement trees at Kokosing Gap Trail at the parking lot and the parking lot on Gay Street and around town.

Update from Scott Zimmerman

Mr. Zimmerman reported what he has done for the month of July.

Treated and trimmed the trees on Mulberry Street.

He is going to look at the tree at 718 E. High Street, someone asked him to look at it

Removed 7 trees at AFP - around the Lakes and Pavilion. Took out Bald Cypress

Trimmed the trees at the parking lot by the Clock House

Treated poison oak and poison ivy at AFP and at Shalmar Park and Hiawatha Park

He is working on the trees at Sandusky Street

Treated beetles at the High School on the Bald Cypress trees

Treated trees at West Ariel

Looked at tree at 113 E. Sugar Street and it needs replaced

Treated trees at the Lagoons and AFP with herbicide

Treated Oak trees for Iron

Asked Mr. Pursel for a copy of the watering list from last year

TCP-update from Sarah

Ms. Wagner was not present to give a report. Ms. DeLeon said that she sent letters/postcards to the West End property owners. They are starting to come back with the property owners response.

Getting applications from Gambier Street to Arch Park. Ms. DeLeon stated that the target area is the West side of Sandusky Street. Postcards are coming in.

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West End Grant and Sandusky St.-Laura

Laura and Zane Mikesell (Engineering) met and came up with a targeted area on the west side and also Sandusky Street. She stated that she received 5 out of 7 postcards that were Yes for planting trees on Sandusky Street and 3 out of 5 postcards that were Yes on Gambier Street to Arch Park.

Mr. Mikesell stated that there were 200 postcards that were sent out.

OTHER

The River Burch trees at AFP have been bagged and are being watered.

Mr. Platt stated that the new zoning code is in affect.

Arch Park-Mr. Pursel stated that they would be there the end of August. He stated that the old block building is to be demolished, the pavilion is being removed, the water fountain is coming out and they are removing a lot of trees.

Arch for Arch Park-Mr. Brown stated that we have an Arch that people can actually drive under and Colby Clippinger, Knox County Career Center has the legs and would like to get it out of his building because school starts in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Brown stated that Country Cutters has the Arch part and we need to find a space to store it.

Fence is in at Shalmar Park and looks good.

Mr. Pursel stated that the River Burch at AFP are bagged and watered.

Mr. Pursel stated that he was told that 5 Sycamore needs bags. He went and looked and there were bags on the trees.

Mr. Wade will be in town tomorrow and will look and this and talk to the owner.

Mr. Brown asked how many water bags were damaged at Hiawatha Park. Mr. Pursel said he would find out.

Mr. Brown stated that we received a Thank You card for some trees.

Mr. Platt stated that there is a new Zoning Code and would like commission members to look it over the Shade Tree parts and see what you think.

Mr. Brown asked where we are in getting the bank mowed at the corner of Edgewood and Mount Vernon Ave. Mr. Platt stated that we are working on getting the funds for this and we are waiting on a grant.

ADJOURN

Mr. Mentzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. DeLeon seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.