



HIGHLAND, ILLINOIS TREE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- 🌲 Larry Brammer
- 🌲 Kathryn Comish
- 🌲 Linda Montayne
- 🌲 Kurt Vonder Haar

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

- 🌲 Mark Rosen (Director, Highland Parks and Recreation Department)

PUBLIC FORUM/RESIDENT REQUESTS: None

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

- 🌲 Motion to approve: Larry Brammer. Seconded by: Linda Montayne. All approved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Director Rosen updated the Commission on the status of the pond/wetland project at Silver Lake Park and requested that members make recommendations for native, bird & insect attractors to plant throughout the site.

New member recruitment was also discussed. One possible solution to getting more options for members is to expand the eligibility to include non-residents and limit the distance to either a half-mile or mile distance from city boundaries.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 🌲 In order to have a 2021 Arbor Day event, Commission members discussed creating a design contest for the oak stump at Silver Lake Park by the Jaycee Pavilion. Director Rosen stated that we should plan to spend \$1,000/day and that there could be sponsors and a small celebration for people to observe the art in progress. New member Kurt V. indicated that he might be interested in playing around with some ideas.
- 🌲 Director Rosen made the Commission aware that there is a Maple tree on the Square that is being held together with rope. Although the Commission dislikes removing trees; especially from the Square, it is a major safety hazard. Linda M. made a motion to approve the removal of the tree; Larry B. seconded it. All voted in favor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 4:30: Linda Montayne
Seconded by: Kurt Vonder Haar

Next Meeting: December 1, 2020 @ 4:00 pm, Korte Recreation Center