

Tree Commission Minutes of April 5, 2022

Minutes of the December 7, 2021 meeting were approved as reported

Members present: Larry Brammer – Kathryn Comish – Linda Montayne – Kurt Vonder Haar – Steve Pfettscher.

Public Forum/Residents Requests

- Austin Spurgeon from Waldbart Nursery was present to discuss plantings in the outfield of the Optimist Field.
- Craig Loyet – President of the Highland Optimist Club joined the commission in the tour of future plantings at the Optimist Field.

New Business:

- Arbor Day/Earth Day Discussion – Director Rosen suggested using the civic clubs' park clean-up on April 23rd as our Earth Day event for the Tree City USA application.
- Public Information Opportunities – Director Rosen mentioned that in the past, the Tree Commission would submit articles; especially around Arbor Day, to the newspaper and thought the commission might want to entertain that idea again.
- Fall Planting – Discussion was held on doing a fall planting. Director Rosen suggested looking at Merwin Park to plant a row of native species/bushes. Kurt V. suggested that the city try to enhance the appearance of Exit 24 off of Interstate 70 to make travelers aware of Highland in hopes of increasing visitors. He thought that something akin to what some off-ramps in STL has done could be a great benefit for Highland.
- The commission, along with Director Rosen and the Tree Commission members walked around Optimist Field to select trees to enhance the batter's eye view from home plate. A decision to add 5 white pines, 9 emerald arborvitae and an option for some flowering trees was decided upon.

Motion to adjourn at 5:00PM

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 4 2022 @ 4:00PM in the Korte Recreation Center.