

Tree Commission Minutes of October 4, 2022

Minutes of the April 4, 2022 meeting were approved as reported

Members present: Larry Brammer – Kathryn Comish – Linda Montayne – Kurt Vonder Haar Public

Forum/Residents Requests

- Director Rosen updated the Commission on an issue that surfaced regarding the request from Prestige Estates last year. Due to a separate issue in the subdivision, representatives from the city observed the trees planted on top of the water line, south of Prestige Drive. During a meeting between former HOA President of Prestige Estates; Jerry Gentemann and city officials from Public Works, Building & Zoning and the city manager, they were directed to remove these trees over the water line.

Director Rosen requested direction from the Tree Commission as to how we can help as there was obvious difference of opinion as to what species of trees and number of trees permitted to assimilate what was done when Broadway was updated. The commission members recommended meeting with the new HOA President; Adam Clements and gather resources from the High School Green Team to possibly help in relocating them within their subdivision. Director Rosen said he would consider purchasing some as well for the dept. He also asked for the commission's help; possibly in order to include this portion as "educational" for the Tree City USA award.

New Business:

- Arbor Day/Earth Day Discussion – Director Rosen suggested that perhaps the Tree Commission would be interested in entertaining a "Farmer's Market" in lieu of an Earth Day event. Commission members seemed interested and Kurt V. offered to talk with some people that had previously expressed interest.
- Fall Planting – No recommendations were made but Director Rosen said that we do have some memorial trees to plant in various locations this fall.
- Pruning Park & Cemetery Trees – Director Rosen asked for an endorsement from the commission members to approve proper tree pruning at the city cemetery as private landowner's trees have branches growing over the fence. All complied.

Motion to adjourn at 4:30PM

Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 6, 2022 @ 4:00PM in the Korte Recreation Center.