

## Tree Commission Minutes of October 3, 2023

Minutes of the April 4, 2023 meeting were approved as reported

Members present: Linda Montayne – Kurt Vonder Haar – Steve Pfetscher –Larry Brammer-Tom Friedrich – Lucas Pinsker, Parks & Rec. Dept.

Public Forum/Residents Requests: NONE

Unfinished Business:

Lucas updated the commission on how the Farmers' Market went during the 2023 season. The market started off slow with about 4-7 vendors for the first few weeks, but ended up having about 12-19 vendors for most of the season. The commission approved to continue the market next year on Tuesdays, but changing to time from 4-7pm due to low foot traffic during the 7-8pm hour.

The commission discussed options for adding pollinator locations. Linda said she spoke to Angela Kim about adding a pollinator garden on the library grounds. Larry said the principal or a teacher at Highland Middle School was possibly interested in adding some native wildflowers to the flowerbeds in front of the school along 160. Other areas that were discussed were: around the parking lot on Walnut and Main, on the roundabouts throughout town, new primary school, veterans parkway overpass, and around the pond at Rinderer Park. We will look at options for pursuing these ideas.

Commission approved meeting dates for 2024. Meeting dates will be February 6, April 2, October 1, and December 3 at 4pm.

Kurt proposed trying to do more to push tourism in Highland. Specifically seeing if there is a way to beautify exit 24, and put billboards along the interstate encouraging people to visit Highland for parks, bars, restaurants, etc.

- Motion to adjourn at 4:50PM

Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 4:00PM in the Korte Recreation Center.