

CITY OF AURORA
TREE COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, February 19, 2020

The Aurora Tree Commission met Tuesday, February 19, 2020, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Deborah Davis at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Deborah Davis – Chairman
Laurena Entsminger
Kim Pease
Martha Sickinger
Rob Swaney – Vice Chairman
Jim Tomko
James Vaca

Also Present: Ben Askren – City Arborist
Amy Martin – Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To adopt the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting as submitted

Mr. Tomko moved; Ms. Pease seconded, and the motion carried, on a unanimous voice vote.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

None

ARBORIST REPORT:

Spring Tree Planting

Results of Spring Tree Planting Bids

	CW 28	Beljon 26
Hawthorn 43		
Peterman Landscaping	6,776-242/Tree	6,040-242/Tree
10,406-242/Tree		
Greenleaf Group	8,400-300/Tree	6,890-265/Tree
11,595-269.65/Tree		

Davey Tree Expert
19,992-464.93/Tree

12,848-458.86/Tree 11,186-430.23/Tree

Feb-March- tree tagging

Tree Maintenance

Completed pruning trees in Chatham Estates, Woods of Aurora and The Highlands.
At total of 548 trees were pruned. Out of the 548 trees 331 were young trees that were trained.

Removed 3 large trees along Aurora Lake Rd, and 1 tree on Pioneer Trail.

Looking to have Walker Building tree pruned/looking to train tree on Nautilus Trail.

Tree Museum

Ordered:

48 trees from Klyn Nursery
10 trees from Chagrin Valley Nursery
31 trees from Go Native Tree Farm

Pruned trees that were planted in the spring of 2017
Sprayed Deer deterrent

Filling out Application for Arboretum Accreditation

OLD BUSINESS:

- Need to Grow-Bio Char
- Community Garden Plot

NEW BUSINESS:

- North Coast Urban Forestry Conference
- Calendar Review:

March 17th-City Hall

April 21st- Tree Planting at Tree Museum if weather is good

May 19-Novak Sanctuary (Picnic)

June 11th- Tree City

June 22nd-Landscape Awards

MISCELLANEOUS:

Laura is going to put Deb in contact with the committee for the Community Garden to talk about how to use Bio Char. Ideas include planting in a CG plot as an experiment (half Bio Char, half regular soil) and bringing examples to the 4th of July booth.

Amy will send updated calendar for 2020.

Deb discussed ordering Bio Char for the community garden. Ben thinks 2 50lb bags will be enough for the garden.

Ms. Sickinger suggested that we do a largest tree contest and advertise in fall brochure, similar to the snowman contest.

Deb, Lori and Marty plan to attend Tree City in June.

Mr. Vaca discussed concerns regarding all of the trees that are being removed for building of new homes on 43.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Tomko moved to adjourn and Mr. Pease seconded. All in favor with a voice vote 7-0.
The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Deborah Davis – Chairman

Amy Martin – Recording Secretary Pro-Tem