

CITY OF AURORA
TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2019

The Aurora Tree Commission met in a regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at Moebius Nature Center. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Deborah Davis.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Deborah Davis
Laurena Entsminger
Kim Pease
Martha Sickinger
Rob Swaney
James Tomko
James Vaca Sr.
Laura Holman, Director, Parks & Recreation

Also Present: Ben Askren, Arborist
Amy Martin, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To adopt the minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Sickinger seconded, and the motion carried, on a 7-0 roll call vote.
Yeas: Mr. Vaca, Ms. Pease, Ms. Sickinger, Mr. Swaney, Dr. Tomko, Ms. Davis, Ms. Entsminger
Nays: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Ms. Pease reported that a resident living on Sheffield asked why the arborist didn't inspect trees to make sure that they were planted correctly. Ben responded that residents are responsible for trees planted on private property. The city manages trees in public areas.

ARBORIST REPORT:

Spring Tree Planting

186 trees were planted throughout the city in April: Ninety-nine in the Villas of Bertram; sixty-nine along city streets; five at City Hall and the Police Station; thirteen at baseball fields, Sunny Lake Park and Aurora Cemetery.

Tree Maintenance

Northeast Tree has removed or prune several trees around town that have died or were needing clearance due to signage or traffic. Two Linden trees at the Gazebo will be pruned up

to allow for traffic to flow under them, because of added lane on E. Pioneer Trail. Three trees will be removed and three will have dead limbs removed on W. Pioneer between Aurora High School and Bissell Rd.

The Sunny Lake Memorial Tree Garden was mulched in May. The rest of Sunny Lake was mulched in June.

One tree was removed on Arborhurst Ct. due to storm damage.

Tree Museum

Vinegar was applied to the trees and mulching is being done this week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Calendar Review:

- No meeting held in July
- Landscape Awards presented on June 24, 2019

NEW BUSINESS:

Calendar

- 4th of July Festival participation
- No meeting in July

MISCELLANEOUS

- Ms. Davis will present Landscape Awards at the 7:00pm council meeting on June 24th
- Mr. Vaca said that he already has one applicant for 2019 landscape awards
- Ms. Davis suggested that we use a one sheet calendar instead of a multi-page
- Tree Commission giveaway/fundraising items were considered; Ms Sickinger suggested commemorative coins and Mr. Vaca suggested buttons

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Pease moved to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. Mr. Vaca seconded, and the motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Deborah Davis - Chairman

Amy Martin- Secretary