

CITY OF AURORA
TREE COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, September 17, 2020

The Aurora Tree Commission met via Zoom on Tuesday, August, 18, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Deborah Davis at 5:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Deborah Davis – Chairman Laurena Entsminger Martha Sickinger Rob Swaney – Vice Chairman Jim Tomko James Vaca Dec Conti-Resident
Absent:	Kim Pease
Also Present:	Ben Askren – City Arborist Amy Martin – Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To adopt the minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting as submitted

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Ms. Conti asked how the trees are doing at the Tree Museum and Sunny Lake Park. She asked if we keep a log of visitors and how many trees we have. Ms. Conti also asked about the hanging baskets being removed around the city. Ms. Conti asked if the schools would be using the Tree Museum for Science class.

Mr. Askren responded by saying that the trees are doing well and that we do not record visitors. We have 400 trees and they are in order by fossil record. He explained that he is hoping to have new signage by fall. Mr. Askren explained that the baskets may have died from over fertilization.

ARBORIST REPORT:

Fall Tree Planting

Currently putting together fall planting sites. Several replacements throughout town, approximately 20 trees could be planted in Phase II Beljon. (May wait until spring). Other new subdivisions need to be visited to finish plantings. Two memorial trees to plant. 5 replacements at maple grove syrup facility.

Tree Maintenance

Removal of Trees in and around town
Pruned trees on Bissell and 43

Tree Museum (Looking Good)

King Excavating swalled the ditches and added dirt to low spots, directed water toward drains. Deep root fed trees. Mowed, weed whacked and sprayed. Graded areas where excavating took place and hydro-seeded.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Calendar Review: August, September & October (Zoom)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Landscape Awards

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Swaney asked where the Memorial Trees are being planted. Ben replied by saying that we still have availability at Veterans Memorial Park, Moebius and Sheldon Park. Mr. Askren said that we have several existing trees that can also be adopted.

Mr. Swaney will update Heritage Tree list and send everyone a new copy.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Swaney moved to adjourn and Mr. Tomko seconded. All in favor with a voice vote 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Deborah Davis – Chairman

Amy Martin – Recording Secretary Pro-Tem