

CITY OF AURORA
TREE COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, October 20, 2020

The Aurora Tree Commission met via Zoom on Tuesday, September, 15, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Deborah Davis at 5:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To adopt the minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting as submitted

Mr. Vaca moved; MS. Davis seconded, and the motion carried, on a unanimous voice vote.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Bill Shaw asked if the city Arborist could remove the ½ dead Ash tree at Moebuis.
Mr. Swaney suggested leaving logs as part of the playground. Mr. Askren will take a look at the tree and remove dead section.

ARBORIST REPORT:

Fall Tree Planting

Peterman landscaping was the lowest bid for this falls tree planting. There are 51 trees scheduled to be planted along City streets and parks. The cost per tree is \$245.00.

Tree Maintenance

Removed multiple trees at Spring Hill Park around barn and throughout the property.
Removed and trimmed trees around buildings at the Miller Farm property so buildings can be painted
Removed shrubbery around house at the Hartman property so house can be painted. Removed trees near and around the Hartman property pond.

Tree Museum (Looking Good)

Harley raked and rock hounded all areas that were disturbed during excavation of ditches. Still two wet spots that are being addressed.

Tree City USA/Growth Award

Received notification to apply for both awards. The Growth Award has had many new categories.

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 (Deb will set up pictures on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at Moebuis Nature center for voting) photos will be displayed for one week.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Vaca suggested looking at a sugar maple tree with lots of character at 945 Lake Ave. He thinks that it has been there since 1928.

Mr. Vaca shared that he does not allow the city to pick up his leaves and explained the method that he uses.

Ms. Pease asked Mr. Askren to remove a portion of a dead tree near the boardwalk.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Vaca moved to adjourn and Ms. Pease seconded. All in favor with a voice vote 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Deborah Davis – Chairman

Amy Martin – Recording Secretary Pro-Tem