

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

The Aurora Tree Commission met via Zoom on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Deborah Davis at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION: To adopt the minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting as submitted

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

None

ARBORIST REPORT:

Fall Tree Planting

Peterman landscaping was the lowest bid for this fall's 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 many new categories.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- Landscape Awards- 8 applicants will receive letters
- Tree City/ Growth Awards-added many new categories this year.
- Arbor Day- Kim will look at dates for next year. Everything was done from home this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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. Askren is working on getting quotes from two companies to build arches for the Tree Museum.

Mr. Askren is planting a memorial tree at Moebius and Ms. Pease asked for location since we do hold events at Moebius. Location to be confirmed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Pease moved to adjourn and Ms. Sickinger seconded. All in favor with a voice vote 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Deborah Davis – Chairman

Amy Martin – Recording Secretary Pro-Tem