

**TREE COMMISSION
AMENDED MEETING MINUTES
Video Meeting via Zoom Technology
February 9, 2021**

Members Present via Zoom: **Chairperson Sattler, Dios, Jesionowski, Ludwig, Patzwahl, City Representative Polinski, Council Representative Kelly.**

Others Present via Zoom: **Jonathan Liskovec, Service Director**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Jesionowski made a motion to approve the minutes from January 12, 2021, seconded by Mr. Ludwig, and approved by all present.

OLD BUSINESS –

Website - There was a lengthy discussion regarding content for the website and suggestions on what resources could be linked to the site. Answers to questions, such as what is the Tree Commission and who is on the Tree Commission. Mr. Sattler also thought stormwater should be linked also at some point up. It was also suggested that a summary of the Tree Inventory and any presentation given to City Council should also be included. It was also suggested that maybe a picture of the tree tag could be put on the website, pictures would make it more interesting. Another suggestion was having some of the projects already done, such as work on the trail and plantings around the new bridge on the site. Mr. Ludwig suggested having pictures on how to properly mulch a tree. Mr. Polinski said some communities have videos on their websites, such as pruning trees. Ms. Jesionowski suggested having something interesting on the website for spring.

Mr. Sattler said everyone should still send items to google docs to stay ahead of the game.

ARBORIST REPORT

Tree Grant - Mr. Liskovec reported that the City is going to apply for the Cuyahoga County Healthy Tree Grant and is currently working on the tree planting of 200-250 potential trees. He is working on how to go about planting tree clusters in each ward. Road projects in 2022 may tie up some areas for planting.

Mr. Sattler asked if letters of support from the Tree Commission would help with the grant. Mr. Polinski said that would help. The Green Team submitted a letter for the last grant.

COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. Kelly reported that if everything goes well, a new member will be on the Planning Commission this month.

ORDINANCE

Mr. Kelly reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission will have the Tree Ordinance on the Agenda for their next meeting.

Mr. Sattler said there was a resident's letter on Cleveland.com that referenced the proposed updated Tree Preservation Ordinance. In the letter the resident hoped Council would act soon on passing the ordinance. Also in the article, residents were asked to contact the Mayor asking him to support the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

GRAND & GLORIOUS TREES – There was some discussion on the Sammon property which was recently purchased by new owners. The new owners want to clear cut the property, including a 300+ year old white oak on the property. Area residents want to know what can be done to stop the cutting of this old tree.

Mr. Sattler said Shaker Heights has a Heritage Tree program. Mr. Patzwahl said there was a program in Bay Village called the Grand and Glorious Tree Program years ago to generate community interest. Mr. Sattler said we could start up the program again and people can nominate a tree to be recognized. Mr. Patzwahl thought the website would be a good place to put the "Grand and Glorious Tree" program. Ms. Jesionowski thought this would help promote engagement with the residents and the website would be a good place for it.

The secretary will research to find information in the Tree Commission files for the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Sattler state that we will need to nominate/elect a chairperson at the next meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Polinski to adjourn and it was seconded by Mr. Patzahl.

The next Tree Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Moore

Jackie Moore, Secretary