

Shade Tree Commission Meeting 11-14-2024

1. Establish Quorum

Members present: Christine Fahl, Tristan Kinnison, Michael Lincoln, Gene Deubler, Joanna Sokol, David Riggs.

2. Disposition of Minutes for meeting September 12, 2024.

Tristan Kinnison moved to accept.

Gene Deubler seconded. Minutes approved.

3. Title 33: Tree Permit, Right of Way Issues, Public Land None

4. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues None

5. Maintenance of Tree Canopy

Gene reported that he had been in touch with Safety Service Director Andy Stone and that watering systems had been added to the Columbus Avenue median trees and the oaks that were just planted on East State Street. He suggested that we consider a warning system for the community in case of continued drought next year.

NEW BUSINESS

6. ITree technology.

Forest service app that's free.

Lots of capability. Run on phones.

Gene and Tristan thought it had great potential.

Once in place make an announcement to the community.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Update on tree planting

Two dates. Last Sunday (Nov. 10) and Saturday (Nov. 2) before.

50 trees were planted and it went very well.

Lots of people came out to plant.

One issue: on Sunday two-inch caliper and ball and burlap trees provided.

Many of the volunteers were children who couldn't handle a tree that size.

In the future, try to get a variety of sized trees so everyone can take part.

8. Code Changes

- a. Pollinator Program
- b. Title 41 Site Plan Review
- c. Mowing exemptions

Christine distributed copies of the code language to the commission members with her suggested changes highlighted, so that it could be looked over and commented on at the next meeting. Try to get revisions to the City council for January.

9. Grants

Andrew Chiki has completed the grant application for Arbor Day.
Looking for other grants that we could apply for.

10. Request to change meeting time to 6pm.

Joanna motioned to change the time. Gene seconded. Motion approved.

11. Adjournment

Gene motioned to adjourn. Christine seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting December 12, but there likely will not be a meeting in December. If not, the next meeting will be January 9, 2025.