

TREE COMMISSION

August 18, 2014

The August 18, 2014 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Sara Lou Binau, Chairman. Tree Commission members present were Sara Lou Binau, Judi Lambrite, Don Spiegel, and Jim Wheeler.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Matt Patchett, Parks Department; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the June 16, 2014 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Mrs. Binau reported that she is still working with Mrs. DeAnn Funkhouser, Creative Expressions, on the tree memorial form.

It was noted that the following living tree memorials will be planted for City employees who retired recently: Carolyn Frederick – Tulip Tree to be planted in Harrison Smith Park; Bob Hecker – type of tree not specified to be planted near the football complex; and Dave Yeater – Blue Spruce to be planted in Bicentennial Park. Another tree memorial was made for Mark Emerine from Mike Emerine for a River Birch Tree to be planted in Stepping Stones Park. Mrs. Binau requested additional information be obtained for the prices for the plaques to be located near these trees so this can be figured into the amount of the donation for future memorial trees.

Mr. Patchett reported that three trees were removed recently at the following locations: 126 East Finley Street, 467 South Seventh Street, and 415 South Fifth Street.

Mr. Patchett also reported that residents have expressed concerns due to dead wood in trees located near the restrooms in Stepping Stones Park. It was noted that Sowers Tree Service will be hired to take care of these trees.

Mrs. Binau reported that Mrs. Linda Geary, Tree Commission member, is moving away and will be resigning her position on the Tree Commission. Tree Commission members discussed the possibility of planting a tree in honor of Mrs. Geary's service to the City.

A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, to plant a tree in honor of Mrs. Linda Geary for her service to the City. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried. Mrs. Geary will be asked what tree species and where she would like the tree to be planted.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Sara Lou Binau, Chairman