

TREE COMMISSION

January 9, 2017

The January 9, 2017 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, Roxie Karg, Judi Lambrite, and Don Spiegel. John Walker was absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

Prior to the meeting, Mayor Washburn swore in Mrs. Lambrite and Mr. Spiegel as reappointed members of the Tree Commission.

The minutes of the October 16, 2016 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Mrs. Binau indicated that she received an email from Mrs. Stephanie Miller, Urban Forester, indicating that the date for the 2018 Tree City USA Awards Program being hosted by the City will be Wednesday, April 18, 2018. Prices and services provided by the venues being considered, being the Master's Building on the fairgrounds and Trinity Evangelical Church located on Malabar Drive, were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Ms. Karg, to schedule the event to be held at Trinity Evangelical Church on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that the City qualified for a Growth Award in 2016 as a result of him and Mr. Matt Patchett completing the Tree Commission Academy along with other qualifying events. An application for the Growth Award was submitted and approved, and the City will be recognized at the Tree City USA Awards Program in 2017.

Mr. Niederkohr suggested banners that could be placed in the downtown area recognizing the City as a Tree City USA be considered.

Mr. Niederkohr also reported that Bill Sowers Tree Service was hired recently to remove a large hanger in a tree on Bigelow Street.

Mr. Niederkohr further reported that as a result of a recent ice storm, the Parks Department worked, in cooperation with the Street Department, to trim approximately thirty to forty trees recognized with low hanging branches.

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