

Members present: Beth Berg, Jacki Brown, Tim Latimer, Dave Miller and Brenda Wilson.

Meeting was called to order by Dave Miller at 6:00pm.

Dave Miller reported Mayor Buckley will be attending the ArborDay tree planting at the high school on October 8th and will be preparing the proclamation for the event. Melody Stevens will be taking photos. Beth Berg shared that one of Sisters from the Benedictine Center who sits on the Library Board with Joe Prindle would like to attend and bless the beech tree being planted.

Miller informed members that perennials are now being planted on Main Street. Berg shared the schedule for completion of the project. Miller would like for the Commission to look at the trees after they are planted. This will be to see that all trees are sited where they can fully develop as they grow and to avoid future problems.

Tree City recertification is coming up and the application must be submitted before the end of the year. The process is now done online and Berg suggested the application be worked on during Commission meetings so everyone can see what is involved. Two years ago the City received a Growth Award from the Arbor Day Foundation. There are several categories for projects that would earn points towards another Growth Award. Each member was assigned a category to review and consider what projects would be a benefit for the community and that the Commission could successfully accomplish.

Miller asked members to consider whether we want to meet during the month of December and make a decision on that next month. Also Berg's appointment to the Greenscape Commission by the Parks Board is up at the end of this year.

There was a discussion on the inspection of ash trees and what Tim Latimer should report to the Council. No ash tree borer infestation has been found, but there are a few ash trees will be keeping an eye on reinspect next spring.

Berg reported Tom Hannan recently visited Schneider Nursery to look at trees he plans to plant along the creek in Sarah T. Bolton Park this fall. He is considering three beech trees and four hybrid maples with good fall colors. While maple trees are currently on the prohibited list for planting, it will be beneficial to see how these hybrids perform as they may be a good choice for the future. Tom suggested the Commission visit the nursery if they can. It's pretty impressive and trees are dug per order.

The next meeting of the commission will be Monday, October 21, 2013, 6:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center. Reminder that Dave Miller will be out of town for this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.