

Tree Commission Minutes

17 March 2015

Members Present: Janet Nelson, Jacob Shaw, Mike Pennington, Liz Johnson, Barbara Stark.

Others Present: Christine Penney

Liz volunteered to chair the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Mike made a motion, seconded by Janet to accept the minutes from 2/17/15. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Mike asked Mayor Don Ness to put the word out to the community via Facebook that the Tree Commission has openings. He recommended current TC members also can advertise openings on their individual Facebook pages.

A discussion of the TC mission was held. Should the TC focus on policy or outreach/education or work on both? Christine expressed her feeling that we get mixed messages from the City. The idea of having earlier information on City road reconstruction (and other) projects arose. If the TC was informed well in advance of these projects that impact trees (like the 4th Street project) we might be better able to work with neighborhoods and educate residents of their options. Mike agreed to contact Cindy Voigt about the possibility of getting the future City construction schedule.

There will be a Committee of the Whole covering the EAB issue on April 27th at 6 PM. Judy Gibbs will be involved with the presentation and the TC would like to also include experts from the MDA and/or DNR. Mike and Liz agreed to touch base with both Dale and Judy about this meeting.

Forester's Report: None.

New Business: None.

Motion to Adjourn: Janet made a motion, seconded by Mike, to adjourn. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Barbara Stark.