

City of Kent, Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2019
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Members Present:

Audrey Kessler
Andrew Scholl
John Belfiore

Staff Present:

Brad McKay, Facilities Mgr. /Arborist
Rebecca Swauger, Account Clerk

Absent:

Peter Kierstead

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:02 by Audrey Kessler

II. Roll Call

Audrey Kessler, Andrew Scholl and John Belfiore were present. Also, staff members Brad McKay and Rebecca Swauger.

III. Approval of Minutes

Audrey Kessler made a motion to approve previous minutes, second motion made by John Belfiore.

IV. Staff Report

Mr. McKay said that we had just begun doing Ash tree removals and stump grinding.

Mr. Scholl asked how many Ash trees we had before removal of them began.

Mr. McKay said there were around 750 Ash trees when removal began in 2005-2006.

Mr. McKay also said that dead trees are being removed, and pruning will be done in winter months.

V. Old Business

Mr. McKay discussed working with Davey regarding trees to plant. There will be 8-10 Red Buds Being planted on Woodard, these are a good tree, they do well here. About 15 trees are being Removed downtown, may experiment with the Lilac tree and Gingko tree.

Update on Ivan that most trees are budding and there should be no problems in that area.

VI. New Business

Mr. McKay spoke of plans with Davey for the 1st phase of planting the 3 acre retention area on West Main Street. This planting will eliminate noise as well as weekly mowing. There will be a wide Variety planted and an access area will remain from Overbrook Drive.

There is a sanitary project on Middlebury that will result in the removal of 2 very large Oak trees.

Mr. McKay said that The City of Kent received a 2018 Tree City Growth Award at the recent Tree City Award ceremony.

The members agreed to hold the next meeting on June 17, 2019 at 5:00pm.

VII. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, John Belfiore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:04pm, the Motion was seconded by Mr. Scholl.