

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
FORT THOMAS TREE COMMISSION
HELD AT THE MESS HALL
ON TUESDAY, April 12, 2022
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Joey Hood, Chair
Mike Rice, Vice Chair
Mark Leopold
Barbara Manyet

ABSENT: Jeff Mohr
John Cody

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin Barbian, Building & Zoning Administrator
Sam Shelton, Administrative Assistant
Cheri Scherpenberg, G.S. Administrative Assistant

Joey Hood presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

A) City Tree at Hartweg and Dixie

Jason Canterbury was in attendance to address the Commission about replacement tree options where the large tree was removed at the intersection of Hartweg and Dixie. Mr. Canterbury also had questions about the size of trees available for that space, the placement of the tree in that area as well as the financing of the project between the residents and the city.

The members of the Tree Commission addressed Mr. Canterbury's questions and discussed the maintenance requirements from the residents. Ultimately a Ginkgo tree with 3in. caliper was suggested for planting in the fall.

B) Alexander Circle Trees

Members of the Tree Commission talked about the need for consequences of the clearing of trees in protected areas. Mark Leopold referenced former cases from the Villagrande and Hawthorne preservation areas where green space documents were not enforced. Commission members suggested the involvement of a forester (Bridget Abernathy with the Kentucky Division of Forestry) for aid in the possible reestablishment of the cleared area in Alexander Circle.

C) Street Program

There has been a positive response to the promotion of the front yard tree planting program. There have been 12 requests so far from the letters that have been sent out to the residents on the streets that are being resurfaced.

D) Earth Day/Arbor Day: April 24, 12-4pm

The City of Ft. Thomas will be joining the educational efforts of the Fort Thomas Forest Conservancy as well as handing out free trees. Mark Leopold made suggestions for the care of the trees upon arrival for the health of the seedlings prior to distribution.

E) Taking Root Summit

The City of Ft. Thomas has the opportunity to host the Taking Root Summit in February of 2023. The Tree Commission expressed interest and agreed it would be an exciting educational and networking opportunity

F) Tree Removal Request 133 Hartweg

Prior to the meeting, members evaluated a tree located in the tree lawn on the Waterworks Rd. side of 133 Hartweg Ave. The resident is concerned about the declining health of the tree as well as damage resulting from falling limbs. Members of the Tree Commission noted that the homeowner placed a retaining wall in the City ROW that is affecting the health of the tree. Members of the Commission discussed the homeowner's actions causing a serious decline in the viability of the tree and their potential in the responsibility of removal.

ADJOURNMENT

With no quorum, Joey Hood as Chair declared adjournment of the meeting at 7:30 p.m.