

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
FORT THOMAS TREE COMMISSION
HELD AT THE MESS HALL
ON TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Joey Hood, Chair
Mike Rice, Vice Chair
Mark Leopold
Barbara Manyet
Jeff Mohr
John Cody

ABSENT: Joey Hood, Chair

ALSO PRESENT: Sam Shelton, Administrative Assistant
Cheri Scherpenberg, G.S. Administrative Assistant

Mike Rice presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Street Program

Members of the Tree Commission decided to work in pairs and divided up the list of homes that are requesting a tree from the front yard tree planting program. Members decided to evaluate the homes and spaces available to make tree recommendations. The goal was set to have tree options chosen by the July 12th meeting in order to submit bids for ordering and ultimately planting by October and November.

B) Earth/Arbor Day

The Earth/Arbor Day event was well attended and all trees were given away. A special thank you to Joey Hood and Barb Manyet for your efforts and volunteering your time. A thank you also to Jeff Mohr for your work in the caretaking of the trails throughout Ft. Thomas. The tickets from the front yard tree drawing were presented and Barb Giesey was the tree giveaway winner and will be contacted following the meeting.

C) Alexander Circle Trees

Members of the Tree Commission decided they would like to coordinate efforts with Chris Manning for plans with the area overlooking the river at Alexander Circle. The Commission would like Chris Manning to attend a meeting or have a meeting on site to help determine the next steps for the area. Mark Leopold mentioned the need for aerial photos, topography and general additional information for input for the Tree Commission members.

D) Front Yard Tree Application

A motion was made by Jeff Mohr and second by Mark Leopold to update the application without the list of tree species giving the commission a better opportunity to recommend the best option for the planting. All were in favor.

E) CC Conservation District Grant

Sam Shelton provided details of the grant application and the information needed for the proposal. Mark Leopold suggested contacting Crystal Courtney to help with a potential Urban Tree Canopy analysis for Ft. Thomas. Mark Leopold sent a follow up email that Crystal Courtney, Natural Resource Division Manager for the Cincinnati Park Board, has agreed to attend our June 14th meeting to explain the process and benefits.

Mark Leopold also addressed the potential need to prioritize the eradication of invasive species. Lesser Celendine has recently been brought into the spotlight, however there are several other threats such as Japanese Stiltgrass that would cause less damage in the eradication process. Mr. Leopold expressed that an ecological evaluation may be helpful with this task.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Leopold made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm and was second by Barb Manyet. All in favor.