

City of Newnan Tree Commission Minutes
January 9, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 by Richard Prange, Chair. Everyone received an agenda for the meeting.
2. Attendance was taken. Present were: Laurie Pope, Richard Prange, Ellen Wood and Mike Furbush, City Liaison. Absent were: Joel Cheek and Matt Bryan. The two commission vacancies will be filled at the upcoming City Council meeting.
3. The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. We did not have a quorum so the minutes were not approved.

4 . Old Business

a. Update on the Tree Commission Luncheon- The luncheon was held at Laurie Pope's house and was a success. Mike offered to help fund the luncheon by allocating some of the budget money to offset the cost. Laurie stated that the luncheon cost about \$487.00. For the past two years, the luncheon has been catered by Dunc's Barbecue. A discussion followed with the suggestion of everyone bringing something to contribute. The discussion was tabled for a later meeting.

b. Update on Tree City USA ReCertification-—The application has been submitted and approved.

c. Update on Ideas for City Website- Progress has been made with links to previously suggested websites. Mike will look at creating a document on tree removal procedures. Once we finalize the Heritage Tree Program guidelines, that will be added. A link will also be added to the City of Newnan Landscape and Tree Conservation Ordinance.

5. New Business

a. 2020 Tree Commission Meeting Dates- Mike gave everyone a schedule of upcoming meetings.

b. Election of Officers- Because there was no quorum, the election of officers was delayed until February.

c. Review of Tree Commission Report to City Council- We looked over the handout of the report presented to the City Council.

d. Tree Commission Goals and Objectives- We looked at the goals and objectives for 2020. We will continue all the programs from 2019 and will implement the Tree Heritage Program. Laurie needs an Eagle Scout to help. He will contact Roy Garner, Scout leader for this. Also, the new website should help revitalize the Tree Donor Program. Our main goal is to continue existing programs and do them well.

e. Tree Commission Items to Move Forward With- See Commission assignments(#8)

f. Dates for Kindergarten Tree Planting Program- Mike gave us a schedule of the tree plantings at each city elementary school. A special ceremony will be held at

the LINC Pocket Park on March 26th before the Newnan Crossing Tree planting. This will recognize Newnan as a Tree City USA for the 30th consecutive year. We held a discussion about the types of trees planted as Laurie asked why fruit trees were not included. The maintenance makes those types of tree a poor choice.

g. Ideas for 30th Year Tree City USA- Mike shared pictures of buttons or tattoos that could be ordered to commemorate this accomplishment. It was decided that he would order buttons to give to the teachers and buttons to give to the children.

h. Tree of the Month- Trident Maple (*Acer buergeranum*)

6. Next Tree Commission Agenda Items. . . . Elect officers

7. Next and Upcoming Tree Commission Meeting(s). . . .

Thursday, 02/13/2020 @10:00am- Regular Meeting

Thursday, 03/26/2020 @ 9:00, 10:30, and 1:00 2 Elementary Schools

Friday, 03/27/2020 @ 9:00, 10:30, and 1:00 @ Elementary Schools

8. Commission Assignments- Laurie will contact Roy Garner, Mike will order buttons and tattoos, contact Ashley Copeland on website activity and check agenda of upcoming City Council meetings to see if new members have been appointed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Wood, Secretary