

Hudson Urban Forestry Meeting Minutes
City of Hudson, Council Chambers
April 20, 2016

Members Present: Ken Holman, Bill Bauman, John Mueller, Tom Zeuli, Tim Shafer, Liz Malanaphy, Starla Enger

Members Absent: John Hoggat

Others in attendance: Buck Malick, Sharon Buffington, Katrine Cross, Michelle Hanson

Chairman Holman called meeting to order at 6:30

Minutes-March 23, 2016 Motion by Shafer, Second by Bauman to approve minutes of March 23, 2016, HUFB meeting, Motion carried

Report on Earth Day Event:

Malick reported that there were about 218 in attendance. Malanaphy reported that she was there representing HUFB and distributed handouts regarding tree of the year.

Tree of the Year update: Kentucky Coffee Tree

- Shafer reported that 5-6 trees had been ordered
- The deadline was extended to April 29th
- It was recommended that the following information be included with trees
 - Ordinance regarding planting on street
 - Diggers Hotline information
 - DNR planting guide

Vine Street Reconstruction update

- Tree planting long Vine Street will most likely happen in Oct-Nov.
- 14 species of trees have been selected, 6 larger species and 8 smaller
- 96 trees will be planted to replace the 56 trees that have been removed
- Holman will create a handout to communicate the facts regarding replacement of trees to be distributed to households along Vine Street
- Several trees have been marked for salvage and will be relocated

Update on Grant Projects

- Inventory of Private Ash: Malick contacted Sandy Kovatch, Curriculum Director for Hudson Schools to distribute information through school websites. Meeting is set with Mike Krueger to finalize the inventory software updates. Meeting was scheduled for April 21.
- City Tree Trek: Downtown Lakefront park will be the focus for the first leg of the tree trek trail. There was discussion about contacting the Hudson Chamber of Commerce regarding the potential for their involvement with the project
- Gravel Bed Expansion: The new bed is complete and ready to take trees. It is 4" higher with the intent of enabling trees to establish longer root systems. There was discussion about the potential for having the HUFB give advice and input for the new high school expansion project regarding the selection of trees for the new landscaping that will occur

- Outreach: Enger will be speaking to the Hudson Chamber and the June Master Gardeners meeting to promote the work of the HUFB.
- EAB treatment: New equipment has been purchased. Next step will be to ID locations to begin treatment May and June. City staff have been trained.
- Arbor Day- Arbor day ceremony will take place at EP Rock school on Friday April 29. April 30 activities will include placing trees in the new gravel bed, informational displays will be created by Prairie Enthusiasts, Save a Tree and Tropical Wings. Smokey the Bear will be in attendance.

Future Discussion:

- Ideas to promote tree diversity
- Branding of the HUFB and creating a Banner to be used at events
- Planting on North Side of City Hall

Next Meeting: May 18, 2016, Hudson City Council Chambers

Shafer motioned to adjourn at 8:00, Malanaphy second, MOTION CARRIED

Submitted by John Mueller
HUFB Secretary