

Hudson Urban Forestry Meeting Minutes
City of Hudson, Council Chambers
May 18, 2016

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

Members Absent: John Hoggat, Starla Enger

Others in attendance: Buck Malick,

Chairman Holman called meeting to order at 6:30

Minutes- Motion by Shafer, Second by Bauman to approve minutes of April 20, 2016, HUFB meeting, Motion carried

REPORT ON ARBOR DAY

- Friday April 29th Ceremony at EP Rock was well received. 3 trees were planted as part of the ceremony –White Spruce, sugar maple and crap apple
- Saturday April 30th events:
 - Installed bare root trees in gravel beds. The second gravel bed was established to help facilitate a partnership with the school district and North Hudson
 - Planted 5 honey locust with the Phipps Center
 - Yard Event- Food was served/ city crew prepared the beds/ planted 25 bare root trees into the gravel bed with assistance from volunteers
 - Planted lilacs and b & b oaks at Chief Jensen Memorial Park in North Hudson
 - Planted 5 trees at Weitkamp park with help of community service volunteer.
 - 4 trees were planted at River Crest Elementary with some of the new trees becoming part of the Newly established Tree Trek Trail. The Tree Trek trail has 14 trees labeled with informational text and a QR code. This could be a model for the city Tree Trek trail that is being developed
- Suggestions for next year were discussed:
 - Avoid taking on too many projects
 - Look into the possibility of having part of the activities such as the educational booths located in a more visible area such as Lakefront Park. This might enable the HUFB to reach more people in the community. Would give people an opportunity to learn more about Tree of the Year and possibly place orders. This year Tropical Wings, Prairie Enthusiasts and Save a Tree tree service provided some educational materials and information.

GRANT UPDATES

Tree of the Year update: Kentucky Coffee Tree

- 6 trees were sold
- Deadline for ordering was extended to Oct 1.
- Ensure people buying trees have information regarding proper planting-

How will this be advertised?

Tree Inventory Software

- Preliminary training was conducted
- Program is up and running
- Discussion about the process of adding and trees to the inventory
- Input comes in as email but there is clarification needed as to where the email is going.
- Private Ash inventory is moving slow. Information was communicated to schools with the intent that families would be brought on board to help with the inventory. It was discussed that an effort will be made again in the fall to partner with schools to help get communication to community members. Possibly create a citizen science opportunity for students.

Tree Trek

- The current plan is to create a tree trek trail in the Lakefront park and downtown area
- Discussion about who will create the text and what information will be included. Possibility of partnering with Hudson students.
- Goal is to begin process in the fall for selecting trees and determining a design for the signage.

Gravel Bed Expansion

- The second gravel bed is complete
- There is continued coordination with the School District of Hudson and North Hudson in terms of tree selection on purchasing

EAB Treatments

- Treatments will start in June
- Locations are being designated with a goal of treating 80-100 trees

FALL PLANTING

- The Fall planting date has been set for October 8 with a rain date of Oct 15.
- Final pick up for the Tree of the Year orders will be Sept 30 with pick up on Oct 1.
- Rotary Day Break club is interested in helping with the fall planting
- It was recommended that 3 crews of about 5/6 members be recruited

HUDSON URBAN FORESTRY BANNER

- Liz Malanaphy is coordinating the creating of a banner that will be used to promote the work of HUFb. The goal is to create a brand/ logo for the forestry board that will be used in various forms of communication
- It was suggested that the first opportunity to promote HUFb work using the new logo will be July 21st as part of the River Fest celebration

VINE STREET RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- A Hudson Star Observer article did a comprehensive review of the project
- Trees are slated for relocation between 4th and 5th streets
- Excel is working with homeowners to relocate some trees
- Hudson City Council approved bids to purchase trees from Willow River Tree Farm
- Currently looking at October planting schedule

FUTURE DISCUSSION:

- Citizen pruner program- ID and train people to help with maintenance of city trees
- Make note of new spaces around the city for new tree plantings-North Side of City Hall

Next Meeting: July 13, 2016, Hudson City Council Chambers

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

Submitted by John Mueller
HUFb Secretary