

Abingdon Tree Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2020

Commission Members Present: Chris Sullivan, Mohammed Hasham, Amanda Pillion

Commission Members Absent: Ryan Monahan

Town of Abingdon Staff Present: Kevin Sigmon

Public Present: none

1) Roll Call

The meeting began at 7:30 PM with roll call. As noted above, 3 of the 4 members were present and a quorum was achieved for the meeting.

2) Approval of the July 20, 2020 and August 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the 7/20/20 minutes: Mr. Sullivan. 2nd: Mr. Hasham. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the minutes of the 8/17/20 minutes: Ms. Pillion. 2nd: Mr. Hasham. Motion passed.

3) Petitions and Public Hearings

None presented.

4) Reports to the Commission

1. **Tree Give-Away Program:** The main topic for discussion was selecting a list of businesses and non-profit organizations that might like to partner with the Tree Commission on this project. Mr. Hasham suggested developing a 3 minute video that can be sent to potential partners.
2. **Sycamores on Court Street:** After a lengthy discussion period, Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the removal of the four Sycamore trees on Court Street with the understanding that the Town's Public Works Department pursue a landscape plan for this section of Court Street that will include the planting of large growing trees. 2nd: Mr. Hasham. Motion passed. It was suggested this might be a good project for the Community Design and Assistance Center in Blacksburg.
3. **Veteran's Park Plantings:** Mr. Sigmon reviewed the memorial tree plantings for the upcoming Veteran's Day ceremony on 11/11. In summary, four trees will be dedicated as memorial trees.

4. **Main Street Plantings:** Mr. Sigmon reviewed the plantings of 4 Redbud trees across from Sinking Springs Pres. Church: 2 Flame Thrower and 2 Rising Sun varieties of Redbud.
5. **Ash Trees:** Mr. Sigmon reviewed the upcoming Ash removal at the Bank of Marion at the intersection of Valley and Court Streets.

5) Items Not on the Agenda

- 1) Mr. Sigmon stated that leaning Ash tree on the Hutton property at Valley and Main Streets will be cut down in the near future with additional trimming to occur afterwards.

The next scheduled meeting is set for November 16, 2020 on the 1st floor of Town Hall at 7:30 PM.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM..