

Abingdon Tree Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 21, 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 October 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the 10/19/20 minutes: Ms. Pillion. 2nd: Mr. Sullivan. Motion passed.

3) Petitions and Public Hearings

None presented.

4) Reports to the Commission

1. **Tree City USA Status:** Mr. Sigmon reviewed the Town's information for the 2020 Tree City USA application. The application has been approved by the State Forester and has been sent on to the Arbor Day Foundation.
2. **Tree Give-Away Program Update:** Mr. Sigmon stated that requests for corporate partnerships have been sent to KVAT, Bartlett Tree, and the Washington County, VA Master Gardeners. The VA Creeper Trail Club, Abingdon Rotary, and the Abingdon Garden Club have also been approached for support.
3. **Sports Complex:** Mr. Sigmon reviewed the plans for the landscaping at the Sports Complex as well as the potential planting of bare root trees along the Creeper Trail. Ms. Pillion stressed the tight budgets for this project. Mr. Sullivan stated bare root trees can be acquired through the VA Dept of Forestry at no cost.

4. **VHCC Tech Park:** Mr. Sigmon reviewed the landscape plans for the new building located adjacent to the Higher Ed Center. He stressed the need to plant a screen for adjacent property owners

5. **Upcoming Tree Removals:** Mr. Sigmon reminded the Commission he will be placing tree removal placards on the Sycamores on Court Street, the Sycamore on Valley/Walden Road, and the Hemlock at the Fields Penn House in January.

6. **Hutton Property: Main and Hutton Streets:** Mr. Sigmon stated the 2 leaning trees on Hutton Street have been cut down and additional trimming work is slated for Hutton, Valley, and Main Streets.

5) Items Not on the Agenda

No items brought forward.

The next scheduled meeting is set for January 18, 2021 on the 1st floor of Town Hall at 7:30 PM.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM..