

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
FORT THOMAS TREE COMMISSION
FORT THOMAS MESS HALL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Joey Hood, Chair
 Mike Rice, Vice Chair
 John Cody
 Barbara Manyet
 Leonard Beck
 John Martin
 Rex McBride

ABSENT: Jeff Mohr

ALSO PRESENT: Sam Shelton, Administrative Assistant
 Cheri Scherpenberg, G.S. Administrative Assistant

Joey Hood presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes from the August 9, 2022 and the October 11, 2022 meetings. A motion was made by Mike Rice and seconded by Barb Manyet to approve the August and October minutes as written. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A) New Members

- Leonard Beck, John Martin and Rex McBride attended their first meeting and provided a brief bio of their experience and interest as new members. Welcome to the Tree Commission!

B) Visitors & Communications

- Melanie Powers who resides at 13 Pearson St. and Bill Lynne who resides at 19 Pearson St. were in attendance to address concerns about a tree in the ROW in front of 3 Pearson St. They would like to have an arborist evaluate the tree and save by removing dead branches if possible.
- Vickie Ellis who resides at 41 Grant St. talked about invasive species eradication and the role T.C. has in the maintenance of it.
- A member of the FTFC was in attendance (did not provide name or address) and asked about a possible program to replace Bradford Pear trees. The audience member also inquired about the tree trimming around the power lines performed by Duke/Asplundh.
- Another audience member (did not provide name or address) requested that the city crews receive education about harmful and beneficial tree maintenance (example “mulch volcanos”)

C) Set meeting dates & Formal nominations for 2023

- All meeting dates for the year were approved
- Joey Hood was nominated to continue as Chair. John Martin was nominated as Vice Chair. A motion was made by Mike Rice and seconded by Barb Manyet to approve the nominations. Motion Approved

D) Front Yard Tree Program

- The Tree commission requested a list of the streets being resurfaced in 2023 to evaluate for the Front Yard Tree Planting Program.
- T.C. members would like to consider the areas to focus on, the best way to promote the program, the timeline for evaluation and planting, the budget for the year and the fee for residents to be discussed at the February meeting.

E) Additionally...

- A motion was made by Barb Manyet and seconded by Mike Rice to have an arborist evaluate the tree in the ROW in front of 3 Pearson St. Motion Approved
- A motion was made by Mike Rice and seconded by Barb Manyet to remove the tree in the ROW between 124 and 126 Sherman Ave. Motion Approved
- A motion was made by Rex McBride and seconded by John Martin to have an arborist evaluate and dead limb the tree at 16 Haywood Ct. Motion Approved
- A motion was made by Mike Rice and seconded by Barb Manyet to remove the Silver Maple in the ROW at 30 Riverview Ave. Motion Approved

Adjournment

