

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
FORT THOMAS TREE COMMISSION  
FORT THOMAS CITY BUILDING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 08, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Joey Hood, Chair  
John Martin, Vice Chair  
Leonard Beck  
Rex McBride  
Barbara Manyet

**ABSENT:** John Cody  
Mike Rice

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

Joey Hood presided and called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

**Approval of Minutes**

Members reviewed the minutes from the April 11, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by Leonard Beck and seconded by Rex McBride to approve the April minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A) Visitors & Communications**

Rachel Comte and Cassandra Homan with Urban Canopy Works were in attendance to give a presentation educating the Tree Commission members about services that are offered by their company and the work they are currently doing with other communities. The presentation revealed that Ft. Thomas currently has a canopy coverage of 53%. This percentage indicates canopy coverage only and not canopy quality. Cassandra and Rachel informed the commission that they are both Arborists and discussed ways that Ft. Thomas could take a proactive approach to tree care and risk assessment instead of a reactive response.

Melanie Powers was in attendance and requested an update about the tree located in Tower Park near 3 Pearson St. while expressing her support for saving the tree. Melanie Powers also talked about the Pearson Street HOA and land surrounding the homes.

#### **B) Front Yard Tree Program**

- There are 10 front yard tree program applications for Fall of 2023
- TC members divided into pairs and assigned a list of locations to each group for assessment.

#### **C) T. C. Goals for 2023 Recap**

- Deciding the next chapter of the Tree Commission with the new members
- Interested in Tree Assessment/Updated Inventory Map
- Mission Statement for New Website (98.14A)

#### **D) Tree Removal Requests**

- A motion was made by Leonard Beck and seconded by John Martin to remove the tree located at **431 Highland Ave.** Motion Approved
- A motion was made by Rex McBride and seconded by Leonard Beck to remove the trees located at **45 Casagrande St.** Motion Approved
- A motion was made by Barb Manyet and seconded by Leonard Beck to limb up the tree located at **147 Tremont Ave.** Motion Approved
- A motion was made by Leonard Beck and seconded by Rex McBride to limb up, treat and cable the tree located at **115 Tremont Ave.** Motion Approved
- A motion was made by Leonard Beck and seconded by John Martin to remove 5 trees located in the ROW at **N. Crescent Ave.** Motion Approved
- A motion was made by Rex McBride and seconded by Leonard Beck to remove the tree located at **234 S. Ft. Thomas Ave.** Motion Approved
- A motion was made by Leonard Beck and seconded by Barb Manyet to remove the tree located at **304 Highland Ave.** Motion Approved

- A motion was made by Rex McBride and seconded by Leonard Beck to remove trees located on the left side at the beginning of the street in the ROW at N. Crescent Ave. Motion Approved

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Leonard Beck and seconded by Rex McBride to adjourn the meeting.