



URBAN FOREST AND FLOWER COMMITTEE

Urban Forest and Flower Committee Meeting January 15, 2025

Call to order:

Mr. Felde @ 2:01 PM

Roll Call:

Board Members – Mike Woolfington, Cameron Arnold, Mike Hite, Bob Yoder, Jim Marquardt, Luke Felde, Jodie Overmyer and Steve Listenberger (underline names not in attendance)

Approval of minutes:

Jim M. motioned to approve the minutes from October 16, 2024 meeting, Cameron seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business-fall tree planting: The last locust wasn't planted in the fall. It was in the location where one had been taken out last summer downtown. Luke said he will take care of that in the spring. We will need to decide on the location of the next one to be removed. Jim M. said not much trimming has been done to them, it will be best to observe them after they start to leaf out to determine which one might be in the worst shape and subject for removal. Nipsco has taken down a couple of trees in town so new locations may have opened up for the fall '25 planting.

Flower Planting downtown: New arrangements will need to be made for the flowers downtown after the resignation of the previous chamber of commerce director. Will the new director be interested? Do we want to approach someone about growing those flowers, like Gideon Nobbe, who has a greenhouse and works at the USDA office. Jodie said she could ask him if he would be willing to supply the city with flowers at a reduced price. Mike Woolfington wasn't present so subject will be on the agenda at the next meeting since he has been very involved with it in the past.

New Business: Mike Hite reported that the Tree City USA application has been submitted to the state, and then on to federal. We are waiting to hear back from them.

Plymouth is still planning on partnering with Culver for the intern from IU for which we will receive 50 trees. This student could be starting in May. Luke said he will work with the parks department this summer to determine good tree locations, which will need to be north of Jefferson in underdeveloped areas, per the guidelines of the program.

Jodie reported that she had been in contact with a representative from Davey Tree that would like to meet with the tree committee to discuss their services. They work with a number of municipalities. The committee expressed an interest and asked Jodie to set that up for the next meeting of the committee.

Lynn Gorski was in attendance to swear in newer members that needed to be on record.

Adjournment:

Motion: Mr. Arnold

Second: Mr. Hite

All were in favor @ 2:35 PM

NEXT MEETING: February 19, 2024 2:00 pm
Plymouth Street Department
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