

**City of Kalamazoo  
TREE COMMITTEE  
Minutes  
September 3, 2019**

Stockbridge Main Conference Room  
415 E. Stockbridge, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Members

Present: Dave Cooper, Forestry, COK (substitute)  
Anna Crandall, Sr. Civil Engineer, Water Dept., COK (substitute)  
Philip Dietrich, ECC Representative  
Orrin Dorr, Public Works Manager, COK  
Patrick McVerry, Deputy Director - Parks & Recreation, COK  
Brian Vogl, Forester, Consumers Energy (substitute)

City Staff: Karen Rutherford, Recording Secretary

Guests: John Abbott, City Resident  
Ron Boothby  
Anthony Ladd, Assistant City Engineer, COK  
Shane Leiter, Precision Tree Care  
Jeremy Terpening, Vine Neighborhood Association

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Orrin Dorr called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Orrin Dorr completed roll call and determined the aforementioned members were present.

**C. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Chairman Orrin Dorr introduced the guests:

John Abbott, City Resident  
Ron Boothby  
Anthony Ladd, Assistant City Engineer, COK  
Shane Leiter, Precision Tree Care  
Jeremy Terpening, Vine Neighborhood Association

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Orrin Dorr recommended Item e, under New Business, be removed because it is a

private parking lot and was recommended for removal by of the City Arborist. Also, Chairman Orrin Dorr recommended Item f, under New Business, be removed because it is a maintenance issue.

**Committee Member Patrick McVerry supported by Substitute Committee Member Anna Crandall made a motion to remove the items. By unanimous consent the Committee adopted its meeting agenda as amended.**

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (August 6, 2019)**

**Committee Member Patrick McVerry supported by Substitute Committee Member Anna Crandall, moved approval of the August 6, 2019 Tree Committee Minutes. With a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**1009 Par 4 Circle – Tree Removal Request**

Chairman Orrin Dorr opened discussion for a tree removal at 1009 Par 4 Circle.

Shane Leiter, with Precision Tree Care, stated the homeowner has a dying City maple tree beside her driveway. Mr. Leiter stated the tree should be removed because of the condition of the tree and it has a girdering root. He submitted pictures of the tree. Mr. Leiter stated it is 1/3<sup>rd</sup> to 2/3<sup>rd</sup> dead and it appears to have maple wilt on about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the tree.

Substitute Committee Member Dave Cooper stated the center of the tree is 100% dead and most likely the girdering root is killing it. He stated he agrees the tree needs to be removed.

Committee Member Phil Dietrich asked if there is a replacement plan. Mr. Leiter responded replacement can be done. Chairman Orrin Dorr stated with the space limitation a replacement of one for one should be done.

Chairman Orrin Dorr asked what kind of tree would be good. Substitute Committee Member Dave Cooper stated an oak would be a good replacement of 2” or larger. A discussion followed.

Chairman Orrin Dorr asked for a motion to allow removal of the tree with a replanting of a 2” oak tree in its place.

**Substitute Committee Member Anna Crandall supported by Committee Member Phil Dietrich, made a motion to allow removal of the tree with replanting of a 2” oak tree in its place. With a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.**

**1121 Sheridan Dr. – Tree Planting Request**

Chairman Orrin Dorr opened discussion for a tree planting request at 1121 Sheridan Dr.

Substitute Committee Member Dave Cooper stated they want a sycamore tree in one space and a larger tree in another space. He stated planting back away from corner is needed for corner clearance and asked that they do not plant a maple. He stated the City will mark where the trees can be planted.

Chairman Orrin Dorr stated the Committee does not need to vote on a tree planting.

**913 Osborne St. and Ranney St. – Tree Planting Request**

Chairman Orrin Dorr opened discussion for a tree planting request at 913 Osborne St. and Ranney St.

Substitute Committee Member Dave Cooper stated there are two trees they want removed. Both trees are maples and the whole top of one tree is dead. He stated the Vine Neighborhood Association wants to plant eight trees. He stated the City is willing to remove the two trees along with the stumps and another stump further down in front of 922 Osborne. A discussion followed.

Jeremy Terpening, with the Vine Neighborhood Association, stated the neighborhood is willing to plant the trees at no cost to the City and will follow the City planting requirements. He is requesting guidance with the species of trees to plant.

Chairman Orrin Dorr stated we could provide a couple of guys to assist with the plantings. Mr. Terpening stated he would work with the neighborhood to get participation to help plant the trees. He stated he will email a list of trees to Perry Banta to get his guidance, approval, and location for the tree plantings.

**Committee Member Phil Dietrich supported by Committee Member Patrick McVerry, made a motion to approve the removal of the two trees. With a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.**

**244 S. Park St. – Kalamazoo Institute of Arts – Two Tree Removals Request**

Chairman Orrin Dorr opened discussion for the removal of trees at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 224 S. Park St. Chairman Orrin Dorr stated there was a building there that has recently been demolished. Mr. Ron Boothby stated the trees came down with the demolition. Landscapers have suggested he replant flowering pear trees but will replant whatever the City suggests.

Substitute Committee Member Dave Cooper stated it would have been nice to save the trees. They were health trees. He stated they should have come to the board and explained the situation before the demolition. Substitute Committee Member Dave Cooper stated there is room for three trees on Lovell and three trees on Park. He suggested pear or lilac trees would be good at this location.

Mr. Boothby asked if he could get someone out to mark where to plant the trees. Substitute Committee Member Dave Cooper stated he would work with him.

**Committee Member Phil Dietrich supported by Substitute Committee Member Anna Crandall, made a motion to replant 6 pear or lilac trees to replace the trees that were removed. With a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.**

**G. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**GPS Location of Trees in Crane Park**

Substitute Committee Member Dave Cooper stated there is no new updates for this project.

**H. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**I. COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Committee Member Phil Dietrich asked if the Committee knew when the Winchell Neighborhood meeting with Consumers Energy would be. Anthony Ladd stated a date has not been set. He stated Perry Banta has been in contact with Consumers Energy and once a date is set, he will inform the Committee.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Orrin Dorr adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Karen Antkowiak Date: 10-1-19  
Recording Secretary

Approved by: Orrin Dorr Date: 10/1/19  
Staff Liaison