

**City of Kalamazoo
TREE COMMITTEE
Minutes
January 7, 2020**

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

Members

Present: Perry Banta, Forester, COK
Orrin Dorr, Public Works Division Manager, COK
Patrick McVerry, Deputy Director - Parks & Recreation, COK
Steve Skalski, Asst City Engineer, Water Dept., COK
Brian Vogl, Forester, Consumers Energy

City Staff: Karen Rutherford, Recording Secretary

Guests: Anthony Ladd, Asst. City Engineer/City Traffic Engineer, COK
Sam Chansler, Consumers Energy
Ahmad M. Jaffar, Consumers Energy

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:

- Anthony Ladd, Asst. City Engineer/City Traffic Engineer, COK
- Sam Chansler, Consumers Energy
- Ahmad M. Jaffar, Consumers Energy

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By unanimous consent the Committee adopted its meeting agenda as presented.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (October 1, 2019)

Committee Member Steve Skalski supported by Committee Member Patrick McVerry, moved approval of the October 1, 2019 Tree Committee Minutes. With a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Grant Check Presentation – Consumers Energy

Chairman Orrin Dorr opened discussion for Consumers Energy to present their grant check to the City of Kalamazoo.

Mr. Sam Chansler with Consumers Energy presented a grant check to Forester, Perry Banta, and stated it is part of a community street grant program that Consumers Energy has available to all communities in their service territory to help the encouragement of planting the appropriate tree species in and around utility lines and poles. He stated Consumers Energy is happy to partner with the City of Kalamazoo to reach their goals of planting appropriate trees around the utility poles. The check was in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Committee Member Perry Banta stated the City planted twenty-five trees in the Edison Neighborhood and the \$2,500.00 covers almost all the cost for these trees.

Spruce Dr. – Consumers Energy

Chairman Orrin Dorr opened discussion for the tree removal on Spruce Dr.

Ahmad M. Jaffar with Consumers Energy stated Consumers Energy needs to replace some poles and lines along Spruce Dr. There are some trees that need to be removed and some need trimmed. A discussion followed.

Chairman Perry Banta supported by Committee Member Steve Skalski, made a motion to allow the removal of the one tree and planting two trees down away from the poles. With a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

G. OLD BUSINESS

GPS Location of Trees in Crane Park

Committee Member Perry Banta stated there is no new updates for this project.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

I. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Perry Banta announced he will be leaving the City of Kalamazoo effective Friday, January 10, 2020. He has accepted a position with Midwest Energy. Anthony Ladd and Orrin Dorr will be supervising Forestry until a new Forester is hired.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orrin Dorr adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Submitted by: Karen Ruthford Date: 2-4-2020
Recording Secretary

Approved by: [Signature] Date: 2/4/2020
Staff Liaison

