

City of Newnan Tree Commission Minutes

April 13, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 by City Liaison Mike Furbush.
2. Attendance was taken. Present were Ellen Wood, Casey Child, J.R. Roberts, and new member Jennifer Petrino. Richard Prange and Laurie Pope were absent.
3. Minutes from the March meeting were presented, revised, and ratified.

Old Business

- a. **Update on Kindergarten Tree Planting Program** – Mike gave an update on the 23rd tree planting, which went off without a hitch.
- b. **Update on Tree City USA re-certification** – The 33rd consecutive Tree City USA certification has been awarded for Newnan.
- c. **Pending appointments of 1 new member** – Mike gave the status update for the 2 vacancies made by losing Matt and Brandon. Jennifer Petrino was present as the first replacement, with 1 more pending appointment.
- d. **2023 Tree Commission Schedule** – The Tree Commission will continue to meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month, with the typical 3-month break for June, July, and August. For the May meeting, it was agreed to use that time to review candidates for the Landscape Excellence Awards.

New Business

- a. **Discussion of Upcoming 2023 Tree Commission Tasks** – Discussion was held regarding the candidate list for the Landscape Excellence awards, as well as which of those candidates might be worth considering.
- b. **Discussion on Plan Review Training** – There still haven't been any good candidates yet for the Alternative Compliance Commission. We did discuss both the Avery Park project and the Lennar Project.
 - **Avery Park** – This project was pulled and represented with a transition zone as part of the master plan. The project was approved.
 - **Lennar** – This project was approved despite recommendation from the planning commission
- c. **Plant Newnan Projects** – New plantings along the Linc.
- d. **Tree Commission Elections** - With both Richard and Laurie absent Mike decided to postpone elections.

- e. **Farmer Street Cemetery Tree Commission Appointee** – Mike mentioned the desire by Farmer Street to have a Tree Commission appointee but understood it schedules wouldn't permit the double commitment.
- f. **Update on re-zonings, annexations, and tree management plans**
 - Avery Park Townhomes – Approved by City Council
 - Lennar on Lower Fayetteville Rd – Approved by City Council

Next Tree Commission Items

- a. **Commission Elections**
- b. **Landscape Excellence Award Candidate Ride**

Upcoming Tree Commission Meetings

- a. Next regular meeting is Thursday 5/11/23 -

Respectfully submitted,
J.R. Roberts, Secretary