

City of Newnan Tree Commission Minutes

January 12, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by City Liaison Mike Furbush.
2. Attendance was taken. Present were Richard Prange, Ellen Wood, and J.R. Roberts. Casey Child and Laurie Pope were absent. Brandon Schott and Matt Bryan declared no longer part of the commission. Matt Bryan resigned late in 2022 due to increased travel for work. Due to Brandon Schott's repeated absence, he was removed from his post.
3. There were no minutes from the November meeting due to a lack of a quorum, and no meeting was held in December.

Old Business

- a. **Update on Tree City USA re-certification** – Mike stated that everything needed has been submitted and processed, and we should have the re-certification in the next few weeks. This will be the 33rd consecutive certification for Newnan.
- b. **Pending appointments of 2 new members** – Mike gave the status update for the 2 vacancies made by losing Matt and Brandon. He asked those present to think of suitable candidates to serve, stating that they needed to live within Newnan city limits.

New Business

- a. **Proposed 2023 Tree Commission Schedule** – For 2023 the Tree Commission will stick to second Thursdays at 10:00 for regularly scheduled meetings, with no meetings in June, July, or August.
- b. **Discussion of Upcoming 2023 Tree Commission Tasks** - Mike gave a broad overview of some of the Commission's priorities for 2023, including the kindergarten tree planting, the projects for the tree awards, as well as look at the items typically presented in the annual report
- c. **Discussion on Plan Review Training** – Mike said there haven't been any good candidates yet for the Alternative Compliance Commission. He mentioned that once he should get some new submissions to review with us soon.
- d. **Tree Commission Elections** - With both Casey and Laurie absent, Mike decided to postpone elections to the next meeting.

- e. **Farmer Street Cemetery Tree Commission Appointee** – With Matt Bryan’s resignation, the Farmer Street Cemetery Committee has asked for a new appointee from the Tree Commission. Ellen asked for more details as to what that commitment would mean. Details to follow.
- f. **Update on re-zonings, annexations, and tree management plans** – Mike brought scaled down copies of 5 of the current projects being considered, but none of them were contenders for moving forward. Four of the projects had either been withdrawn or outright denied. The Green Top Subdivision was pending the next council meeting.

Next Tree Commission Items

- a. **Commission Elections**

Upcoming Tree Commission Meetings

- a. Next scheduled meeting is Thursday 2/09/23
- b. Thursday 3/30/23 and Friday 3/31/23 will be the Kindergarten Tree Planting Program

Respectfully submitted,
J.R. Roberts, Secretary