

**KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**City of Kirkwood**

**139 S. Kirkwood Road**

**Kirkwood, MO 63122**

**March 22, 2022**

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** Tanner Craft, Ned Golterman, Mike Hankins, Chris Molitor, Carol Rush, Barbara Sandhagen, David Weidler – Staff Liaison,

**ABSENT:** Renee Werner, Cory Meyer – Urban Forester

**GUESTS:**

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on February 22, 2022 via Zoom for a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under Section 610.015 of the Mo. Sunshine Law provides that members of the Urban Forestry Commission who are not physically at the meeting site can participate and vote on all matters when an emergency exists and the nature of the emergency is stated in the minutes.

The U.S., and the world, is in a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus—Covid-19. Therefore, members of the Urban Forestry Commission have elected to participate in this meeting electronically for the public health and safety of each other and the general public.

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by **Carol Rush**.
2. Secretary Report: Motion was made by **Ned Golterman** and seconded by **Mike Hankins** to approve minutes as submitted. Minutes from the February 22, 2022 meeting of the Commission was approved unanimously.
3. Tree Removal Requests:

N/A

1. Urban Forester Report: The master plan is in process and the tree inventory is wrapping up. Surveys are being provided to staff and the public as part of the master plan process.
2. ACTIVITY REPORTS
   1. Junior TreeKeepers Program: **Ned Golterman** updated the commission on the availability of Pete Laufersweiler to provide programming for the program during the summer camps and he is reaching out to the Missouri Department of Conservation Education Department to solidify their availability for a time slot each session.
   2. Education and Outreach:
   3. Award and Grant Submittals:
      1. Tree city, USA. Recertification (Growth award if applicable) Due 12/31/22.
      2. MDC- Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence: Due 12/01/22.
      3. KUFC Advocate Award – Due 3/31/2022. Discussion took place nominating Kathy and Paul Paulsen for the advocate award. A motion Was made by **Chris Molitor** and seconded by **Barbara Sandhagen** to approve the nomination for award. The motion was approved unanimously
   4. KUFC Annual Report: Due 1/31/2023.
   5. Event Participation:

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Arbor Day – A motion was made by **Carol Rush** and seconded by **Ned Golterman** approving the date for arbor day as April 23, 2022 with a celebration and planting of a tree, to be selected by the City of Kirkwood’s Urban Forester, to be held at 9:00 a.m. along the southern border of the parking lot located at 133 E Argonne Drive.

**NEXT MEETING:** April 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn 7:37 p.m. made by **Mike Hankins** and seconded by **Ned Golterman**

Carol Rush, Chair\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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