

The Tree Commission Meeting for the City of New Castle took place on January 3, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the City of New Castle's Town Hall.

Members Present: Chip Patterson, Chairperson
Susan Keyser, Co-Chairperson
Erv Thatcher
Mark Miller
Tom Truman
Nancy Coning

Members Absent: Fran Peden
Toby Hagerott
John Lloyd

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Patterson at 5:35 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December meeting. The motion was adopted.

Members Report

Erv Thatcher – Nothing to report.

Susan Keyser – Has all the trees for the tree planting except the smaller trees. She looked at the situation at the Ross' house and does not see how another tree can be planted in the location they have requested.

Nancy Coning – Nothing to report.

Tom Truman – He also took another look at the Ross' tree and concurs with Ms. Keyser's assessment. He inquired if Mr. Samluk was invited to this meeting and if he is scheduled to do more trimming. If he is scheduled to do more trimming, should a member of this body be present? Mr. Patterson did extend an invitation to him and he is aware of the situation and the Tree Commission's concerns.

Mark Miller – He spoke briefly to the homeowners at West 4th Street (Smith) to inform them of this body's position and told them the tree should be cut away from the house. He will follow up with them again.

He has been unable to connect with the homeowner on West 4th Street concerning reimbursement for the expense of an ash tree that was removed there. He will continue his efforts.

Mr. Patterson will follow up with Mr. Lloyd about the status of a homeowner in Van Dyke Village paying his portion of tree removal at his home. Mr. Thatcher confirmed the trees in question are still present.

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Chairman's Report

Mr. Patterson informed he would like to step down from his role as chairman of this body and asked fellow Commissioners to be prepared to name a replacement at the February meeting. Mr. Miller expressed his appreciation of Mr. Patterson's efforts as Chairman. He suggested perhaps dividing the work load between Commissioners. Mr. Patterson believes this body needs a chairman and voice representing same. *(Discussion followed.)*

Old Business

Mr. Patterson has no further information on the buck chestnut on Harmony Street. He will follow up with Russ Carlson as discussed at the December meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie

Debbie Turner
Stenographer