

MINUTES
City of New Castle Tree Advisory Commission
February 3, 2020 – 4 p.m.
New Castle Town Hall

Members Present: John Antonio, Chairman
 Tom Maddux
 Sheila Shannon

Members Absent: Marco Boyce

Mr. Antonio called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m. Roll call followed and a quorum was declared.

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A Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 2, 2020, meeting as presented was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

NEW APPLICATIONS

2020-01 – 230 East 2nd Street – Thomas H. Wilson

Mr. Wilson submitted an Application to remove a Sycamore tree that is very old and large, is showing signs of hollowing, and with roots moving under the foundation of his house.

During discussion, Mr. Maddux noted that Mr. Wilson described the tree as unsafe. He added that the tree is diseased. He questioned if there was a liability issue if the Commission or the City were to deny removal of the tree. Mr. Antonio added that the tree is out-of-place, and that the Motion should be contingent on discussion with the City regarding liability.

A Motion to approve removal of a Sycamore tree at 230 East 2nd Street pending discussion with the City regarding liability was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Maddux noted that the Commission has great interest in the work Mr. Vukelich does in the City with trees and sidewalks. It was suggested that the Commissioners meet unofficially with Mr. Vukelich.

Mr. Antonio stated he wished to amend the Motion on 230 East 2nd Street to include that the property owner will replace the tree with an approved species. The amended Motion reads:

A Motion to approve removal of a Sycamore tree at 230 East 2nd Street was made with the following conditions: (1) the removal is to be discussed with the City regarding liability, and (2) the property owner will replace the tree with an approved species. The Motion was seconded and on vote was unanimously approved.

Mr. Maddux noted that Mr. Vukelich cares about both the City trees and the City sidewalks.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 pm was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Kathy Weirich
Stenographer