Trees and Forests Advisory Committee Report

4th Meeting of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee April 25, 2018
Committee Room #4

Attendance

PRESENT: R. Mannella (Chair); T. Khan, J. Kogelhelde, C. Linton, N. St. Amour, M. Szabo and R. Walker and J. Bunn (Acting Secretary)

ABSENT: C. Haindl and G. Mitchell

ALSO PRESENT: A. Beaton, J. Ramsay and J. Spence

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Scheduled Items

None.

3. Consent

3.1 3rd Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 3rd Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on March 28, 2018, was received.

3.2 Municipal Council Resolution - 4th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution from its meeting held on April 10, 2018 with respect to the 4th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Oak Wilt Status Update

That the update on the Oak Wilt Status BE DEFERRED to the next meeting of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee due to the fact that the individual giving the update was not in attendance at the meeting.

5.2 Suggested Locations for Tree Planting or Naturalization Projects

That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to review the <u>attached</u> submission from J. Kogelheide, with respect to suggested locations for tree planting or naturalization projects and report back to the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee on the feasibility of the locations.

6. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

6.1 (Added) Tree Protection By-law Working Group

That a Working Group BE ESTABLISHED, consisting of M. Szabo, C. Linton and A. Morrison, to review the Draft Tree Protection By-law with assistance from J. Spence, Manager, Urban Forestry.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 PM.

TFAC – May meeting ideas

I'm not sure if TFAC is supposed to suggest locations for tree planting or naturalization projects... so I went ahead and made some!

Wharncliffe & Commissioners park

In the south west corner of this park there is a nice collection of pine trees. This part of the park doesn't get used all that much and I think it would be an improvement to add more pines — or any other kinds of trees — to this area, with the addition of smaller trees and shrubs or bushes. I think that a nice sized area can be left unmowed to further enhance this area, bringing it to a more natural state. It would be interesting to see if certain wildflowers could also be added!

Cheapside and Sandford St

There's a huge ball field and rec area along Cheapside and Sandford St. Every time I travel along Cheapside I keep thinking that a nice chunk of this park could be naturalized, with the addition of tall pines, shrubs and bushes. I think that a nice sized area can be left unmowed to further enhance this area, bringing it to a more natural state. It would be interesting to see if certain wildflowers could also be added!

South of Riverside and Walnut St.

There's a huge area that is mostly unused park at this location. Trails begin at the south end that lead to more trails along the Thames River. I can see no reason why a large portion of this area could not be renaturalized.

Hope this is helpful

Jim Kogelheide





