**Tree Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday 5/12/2021**

**Attendance**

Committee Members Present: Jeff Martin, Sarah Wolf, Deni Jacks

Staff: Andrew Pitcher

Committee Members and Staff Absent:

Public: Anne Johansson

**Determination of Quorum**

A quorum is present

1. **Open Meeting**

Deni Jacks called the meeting to order at 5:12 PM.

1. **Consideration of Minutes**

A motion was put on the floor to accept the February minutes by Sarah Wolf, and it was seconded by Jeff Martin. Minutes passed 3-0.

1. **Public Meeting**
2. **Arborist** – Matt was not present, but Superintendent Pitcher relayed information from Matt. Matt informed the committee that Franco Landscaping had not been able to meet with him yet. Matt also relayed that once this meeting is established, Matt will notify the committee members.
3. **DPW –** Superintendent Pitcher informed the committee that he still has not been contacted by anyone concerning the tree trimming request from the transportation company working for Hendricks Power. Superintendent Pitcher agreed to the request from the committee that if the agreement to trim the trees for the Hendricks Power contractor proceeds, consultation on the trimming will be conducted by a certified arborist to alleviate unnecessary damage to the trees. The committee also thanked Superintendent Pitcher for the expedient work at trimming the trees on Cross St. between Marion St. and Main St. Deni Jacks mentioned that the trees were sprouting new limbs from the areas trimmed. Superintendent Pitcher and committee agreed to continue watching those trees to ensure the overgrowth does not return.
4. **Arbor Day** - Deni Jacks read a letter from the South Elementary School principal regarding the Arbor Day celebration at the school, as well as passed around photos taken of the children learning about trees and receiving saplings for their homes.
5. **New Development Tree Removal –** Deni Jacks discussed addressing the concern of developers not replacing foliage removed from redeveloped areas. Deni informed the committee that she would consult with administration to begin the process of establishing a draft ordinance which could be taken to the Town Council.
6. **Public Comment**

Anne Johansson with the Downtown Danville Partnership (DDP) discussed the desire to possibly change tree boxes on the square to hanging planters on the square poles. In lieu of planting trees in the sidewalks, push toward planting on the courthouse grounds.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was placed on the floor by Jeff Martin and was seconded by Sarah Wolf. The motion passed 3-0.

After no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 PM.

The next committee meeting is 6/9/2021 located at Town Hall, or 49 N. Wayne St. Danville, IN 14622.

**To Do:**

* Matt contact Franco Landscaping concerning consulting, not contracting for the Main Street tree project
* Contact Brad Deninger about possible Main St. architectural plans.
* Contact the Republican regarding a press release on the recent Arbor Day events.
* Research tree requirements within the Town of Danville in town ordinances.