

MOSCOW TREE COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Tuesday
June 6, 2023

5:00 PM

Mayors Conference Room
206 E 3rd Street

The meeting was called to order at 5:02

PRESENT: Ellis Eifert; Chair, David Rauk; Vice Chair, Pamela Brunsfeld; Secretary, Mary Jo Hamilton, Zena Hartung, Nick Koenig, Jeanne Leffingwell, Gina Taruscio; City Council Liaison

STAFF: David Schott, Melissa Fisher

1. Approval of Moscow Tree Commission May 2, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert

Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

Hamilton moved to approve the minutes as presented. Leffingwell seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: unanimous. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)

None.

3. Consideration of the Upcoming Commission Survey (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

The Tree Commission will review questions drafted during the May 2, 2023 meeting for final approval and determine the priority for the questions.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the five (5) survey questions and priority; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

1.

The Moscow Tree Commission could best serve me and the community by: (Check all that apply)

Providing a variety of tree care classes and workshops	
Providing educational material on the economic benefits of trees	
Encouraging residents to plant street trees through financial incentives	
Provide education material on the proper care of your trees	
Establish a neighborhood tree mentor program; assisting others to plant and care for newly planted trees	

2.

The most important feature to me of a healthy urban forest of street and parks trees are? Please choose top three.

Reducing the impacts of the heat island effect	
Providing shade to sidewalks and streets	
Increasing aesthetics and property values	
Enhancing storm water retention	
Mitigating the effects of climate change	
Calming traffic and enhancing safe pedestrian travel	
Providing protection from noise and wind	

3.

**How would you prefer to receive information about community forestry topics in Moscow?
(Check all that apply)**

Email	City Website	Newspaper	Classes / Workshops	Social Media	Radio	Direct Mail

4.

Are you familiar with the Moscow Municipal Code that trees in the City right-of-way are the property owner's responsibility to care for and maintain?

Yes	No

5.

The Tree Commission exists to help the City of Moscow focus on the existing tree population and to promote the benefits today and in the future, of trees. Have you any recommendations for the Tree Commission?

Brunsfeld moved to approve the drafted survey questions. Hamilton seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes: unanimous. Motion carried.

- 4. Consideration of the July 4, 2023 Tree Commission Meeting (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert**
July 4, 2023 is a City holiday. The Tree Commission will discuss cancelling the meeting.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Cancel the July 4, 2023 Tree Commission meeting; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Leffingwell moved to cancel the July 4, 2023 meeting. Brunsfeld seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes: unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

1. Arbor Day Trees – David Schott

Schott advised the Arbor Day trees didn't come out of dormancy. The supplier will replace the trees that were planted and parks staff will replant them when the trees become available.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next Moscow Tree Commission meeting: August 4, 2023

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM

