

City of Charlevoix
Shade Tree & Parks Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 9, 2023 - 10:00 AM
2nd Floor Conference Room, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Hodgson called the meeting to order at 10am.

Members present: Bertinelli; Hodgson; Levy; Muladore

Members absent: none

Also present: City Manager Mark Heydlauff; DPW Superintendent Pat Elliott; Mayor Lyle Gennett

2. Approve Minutes of September 8, 2022

A. Draft Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes of September 8, 2022. The commission noted a correction to the “benefit” under section D.

Motion by Muladore, second by Bertinelli to approve the minutes of September 8, 2022 as corrected.

Motion carried.

3. Old Business

A. Ferry Beach status of current work, plans for future work

The Commission also discussed the management plan for Ferry Beach Park and the recently completed arborist report for the trees in the park. City staff will forward this plan to the Commission for their review.

B. Status of trimming along Park Avenue

The Commission discussed the status of tree trimming in Lake Michigan Beach Park. This work is now complete; the Commission reviewed pictures of the work and is pleased. Additional trimming and removals were completed in Water Tower Park.

4. New Business

A. ROW Tree Plan for Belvedere

Chair Hodgson opened discussion of adding shade trees along Belvedere Avenue. She had reviewed the street and noted it could be possible to plant 43 trees but also questioned the buy-in that would be needed from property owners. She believed it was important to focus on smaller, slow-growing trees that would provide beauty and aesthetic improvement without unduly obstructing scenic views of Round Lake. Mr. Elliott discussed the options including lindens, Kousa dogwoods, service berry, Katsura, Japanese tree lilac, pagoda, and other species that might be appropriate. The Commission discussed these options.

B. Thinning required by Airport

Chair Hodgson discussed thinning trees along the windbreak by the south side of the airport. John Campbell volunteered to mark trees for removal. There is concern about the snow drifting

caused by opening being a new concern. Chair Hodgson will discuss further with Mr. Campbell.

C. 2023 Meeting Schedule

The Commission discussed their meeting schedule for 2023.

Motion by Levy, second by Muladore to meet on the second Thursday of each month at 10am in the Second Floor Conference Room of City Hall.

Motion carried.

5. **Public Comment**

Chair Hodgson opened the meeting to public comment. Mayor Gennett thanked the Commission for their work.

6. **Adjourn**

Chair Hodgson adjourned the meeting at 10:55am.

Meeting adjourned.