

Tree Commission Minutes of April 2, 2024

Minutes of the February 6, 2024 meeting were approved as reported

Public Forum/Resident Requests: None

➤ New Business:

- Tree City USA projects: Director Rosen stated that the department will use this Saturday's trail clean-up and invasive removal for the Tree City USA application. In addition, this fall native plants will be introduced to the "wetlands" on the east end of Old City Lake once the final rip-rap is completed. The rip-rap will provide a trail/path for people to walk up on the project.

Requests of Commission Members:

- Tom Friedrich asked who is responsible for maintaining the "Welcome to Highland" signs. Director Rosen believes that falls under the Public Works Dept. but would ask if it would be possible to have Tree Commission members volunteer to clean up and plant pollinator plants.
- Director Rosen asked if there would be an interest in trying to host a fall festival that would be similar to the Spring Bloom Festival. A couple of ideas were shared, ranging from pumpkin/potato art to fall photo contest. There are already a lot of events in the fall and members weren't sure if another "festival" would be successful or not. Director Rosen said he would look at some ideas that could be shared over the next few months and gather input from members to determine if it would be worth a try; if not this fall then fall of 2025.

Motion to adjourn at 5:00PM

Next meeting, October 1, 2024 @ 4:00PM in the KRC