



**ALTOONA SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of June 17, 2020**

*In attendance:* Ted Newkirk, Paula Over, Chris Harpster, Nancy Fellabaum- *Shade Tree Commission*, Lee Slusser- *Director Community Development*, Marilyn Morgan, *staff*, Nate Kissell, */Director Public Works*, Dane Williams, *staff*

Ted Newkirk, called the meeting to order.

1. The January 15, 2020 minutes were reviewed and a motion for approval of the minutes was made by, Paula Over and seconded by Nancy Fellabaum. Motion passed.
2. **Public Comment** – There were no public comments at the meeting.
3. **Review and Approval of Tree Trimming Projects in Protected Corridors**  
Mr. Slusser introduced Nate Kissell, Director of Public Works – Mr. Kissell reported that through last years budget funds had been appropriated for the City to trim trees in certain corridors. \$50,000 has been set aside to do maintenance, trimming and inventory of trees. Mr. Kissell introduced Dane Williams from him department who will be taking the lead in these projects.

**Location #1: Logan Blvd from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the I-99 overpass.**

**Work to be performed:** Trees to be trimmed to an elevation min of 10' to allow all traffic and pedestrians to pass unimpeded. Trees to be trimmed with directional pruning and 10% - 15% crown thinning to encourage proper growth. Said trimming is also the to help tree growth with better directional growth (training of the trees) and to help prevent new overgrowth. **(Estimated Cost \$11,500)**

**Location #2: 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 12<sup>th</sup> St. to 17<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Work to be performed:** Tree grates to be resized or removed if necessary, to help with healthy growth of existing trees. Also trimming any trees deemed necessary. **(Estimated cost \$2,500)**

**Location #3: 12<sup>th</sup> Street (14<sup>th</sup> Ave to 13<sup>th</sup> Ave & 12<sup>th</sup> St. to 13<sup>th</sup> St) around City Hall**

**Work to be performed:** Tree grates to be removed and replaced with pervious rubber pavement to prevent tripping hazards and promote healthy tree growth. Trees to be trimmed with directional pruning & 10% - 15% crown thinning to encourage proper growth. **(Estimated cost \$2,000)**

**Location #4: 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue (13<sup>th</sup> St. to 11<sup>th</sup> St)**

**Work to be performed:** Trees to be trimmed with directional pruning following ANSI standards. At a height of 10' to 15' with crown thinning of 10% - 15%. Trees to be trimmed away from any existing structure a min of 6' to 8' and trimmed to a lateral branch where possible. There will also be 2 new trees planted on the block between 12<sup>th</sup> St. and 11<sup>th</sup> St. **(Estimated cost \$4,500)**



**Location #5: 13<sup>th</sup> St. & 16<sup>th</sup> Ave.)**

**Work to be performed:** Removal of a 24' Maple tree that has severe damage from insect infestation and possible collision damage. **(Estimated cost \$1,000)**

**Location #6: 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. & 12<sup>th</sup> St. Proposed Park)**

**Work to be performed:** Planting of several new trees in open space on corner of block directly across from EADS building and old Investment Savings Bank. **(Estimated cost \$5,000)**

**Location #7: 17<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Work to be performed:** Pruning of trees both sides of 17<sup>th</sup> St. North and South bound. Extending from Grant Avenue to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. All trees to be pruned to the height of 10' to 15' with crown thinning of 10% - 15%. There will be the removal of a dead Ash tree between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North bound lane. All ash trees are to be treated with insecticide for emerald ash borer as they are on a two-year cycle and are due to be treated. **(Estimated cost \$20,000)**

**Locations #8: Various bus routes around the city**

**Work to be performed:** Pruning of any overhanging trees along various bus routes around the city as much as budget will allow. **(Estimated cost \$2,500)**

**Location #9: 6<sup>th</sup> Ave & 7<sup>th</sup> Ave**

**Work to be performed:** Trimming of trees along 6<sup>th</sup> Ave & 7<sup>th</sup> Ave corridors from 1<sup>st</sup> St to 17<sup>th</sup> St. as much as budget will allow. **(Estimated cost \$2,500)**

**Total for all locations and work to be performed at a cost of \$51, 500**

A motion was made by Paula Over to approve Public Works plan for tree trimming and maintenance. Motion was seconded by Chris Harpster. Motion passed.

4. **Other Business**

Mr. Slusser mentioned that the Ordinance was again stalled due to COVID-19.

5. **Adjournment** – Motion was made for adjournment by Paula Over. Motion passed unanimously.

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