

**MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE
AVON TREE COMMISSION HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AT 7:00 P.M.**

In the absence of a Chairman, Avon Law Director John Gasior, called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Mary Berges-Member; Shannon Laurenzi-Member; Anthony Moore – Member, Council’s Designee; John Schwartz – Member; Matt Smith – Member, Mayor’s Designee; John Traxler – Member; Richard Varga - Non-Voting Member, Certified Arborist; John Gasior-Law Director; Barbara Brooks – Clerk of Council

ABSENT

Greg Mateyka-Member

OATHS OF OFFICE

Mr. Gasior administered the oaths of office to each member present; voting and non-voting, of the Avon Tree Commission.

APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRMAN TO THE AVON TREE COMMISSION

Mr. Gasior opened the floor to accept nominations of a Chairman to the Avon Tree Commission.

Ms. Laurenzi nominated Mr. Moore to be Chairman.

There being no other nominations, Mr. Gasior instructed the Clerk to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Moore as Chairman of the Avon Tree Commission.

APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRMAN PRO TEM TO THE AVON TREE COMMISSION

Chairman Moore opened the floor to accept nominations for a Chairman Pro Tem of the Avon Tree Commission.

Mr. Moore nominated Ms. Berges to be Chairman Pro Tem.

There being no other nominations, Mr. Moore instructed the Clerk to cast a unanimous ballot for Ms. Berges as Chairman Pro Tem of the Avon Tree Commission.

SCHEDULING OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE AVON TREE COMMISSION

After some discussion by the members as to when the majority were available to meet again, the members agreed to set the date of Monday, October 25, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

Mr. Gasior pointed out that the task of this Commission, at least in the immediate future, is to adopt legislation that is necessary to put forth the application to become a Tree City. He advised in talking to Mr. Varga the application needs to be submitted by December 1, 2021. Mr. Gasior said between now and the next meeting he wanted to get copies of the Ordinances that he has looked at from other cities so that when the Commission meets next, they have a good idea of

where they want to go with the legislation. He stated hopefully they can get something in front of City Council at the very latest by the 15th of November so that Council can act perhaps on the 22nd of November at its Regular Meeting.

Mr. Varga agreed they need to start working on a Tree Ordinance as soon as possible. He advised when this Commission meets again, they need to formulate and go over certain items that the City wants to enhance as far as being a Tree City. Mr. Varga said the plan is to put something together from an advisory and educational standpoint to recommend what trees to use or not use and where to plant and how to plant trees. He stated their job will not be to tell people they cannot plant a specific tree, but to advise them what is and is not appropriate.

Mr. Varga advised additionally, this Commission will need to establish Arbor Day in the City of Avon and will be recommending the first Saturday in November of each year. He hoped they could accomplish all that at the next meeting to give everyone an idea of where they are going with this plan.

ADJOURN: 7:11 P.M.

There being no further business Mr. Moore adjourned the Organizational Meeting of the Avon Tree Commission.