

**CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
THURSDAY JANUARY 9, 2025 7:00 P.M.
PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM, 1405 SOUTH 7TH AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 2. Roll Call.**
- 3. Minutes – Review and Approval.**
 - A.** Motion to accept and place on file minutes of the November 14, 2024 Natural Resources Commission meeting.
- 4. New Business.**
 - A.** Earth Day Event St. Charles Park District – Comm. Otto.
 - B.** Arbor Day 2025.
- 5. Old Business.**
 - A.** Follow-Up Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Presentation – Comm. Mengler.
- 6. Committee Reports**
 - A. Education and Outreach**
 - i.** Articles for The Den.
 - B. Engagement**
 - C. Advisory**
 - D. Ad-Hoc**
 - i.** Fox River Dam Task Force Update – Comms. Churchill, Haggas, Mengler.
- 7. Communications.**
 - A.** Motion to accept and place on file Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports for November and December 2024.
- 8. Public Comment.**
- 9. Additional Items from Commissioners and City Staff.**
- 10. Adjourn.**

Next meeting February 13, 2025.

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**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was convened at 7:02 p.m. by Acting Chair. Churchill.

2. Roll Call.

Commissioners Present: Angela Churchill, Tom Galante, Lee Haggas, Suzi Myers [via telephone], Pam Otto, Nick Smith.

Absent: Joseph Cannizzaro, Heather Goudreau, Jeff Mengler, Loren Nagy, Meagan Provencher; Student Member, Deetya Solanki.

City Staff Present: Marcelline D'Argento, AJ Reineking.

3. Minutes Review and Approval.

Motion to approve and place into the public record the minutes of the October 10, 2024 Natural Resources Commission [NRC] meeting. Motion by Comm. Galante, second by Comm. Haggas to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:03 p.m.

4. New Business.

A. Pumpkin Smash Recap.

Comm. Myers reported on another successful pumpkin recycling event: over 965 pumpkins were recycled; 163 families participated; residents from 12 different locations came to Public Works, including from Bartlett, Dundee and Villa Park; and 5.7 tons of pumpkins were recycled by LRS.

5. Old Business.

A. October IMEA Presentation

This item was deferred in Comm. Mengler's absence and will be added to the December 12th NRC meeting agenda.

6. Committee Reports.

A. Education and Outreach.

Comm. Myers proposed hosting a spring program in support of World Migratory Bird Day on May 10, 2025, and the organization's theme of "Shared Spaces."

B. Engagement.

Holiday Lights Collection

City staff reported collection containers are ready for the holiday lights recycling program. The program will begin November 25th and end January 17, 2025. There will be a pick-up schedule for Pottawatomie Park Community Center and the St. Charles Public Library drop-off locations. Comm. Provencher will collect lights from Wasco Nursery.

C. Advisory.

None.

D. Ad-Hoc.

i. Fox River Dam Joint Task Force Update.

Comm. Haggas reported on the Fox River Dam Joint Task Force [Task Force] meeting last week, and noted the selection of a consultant to provide additional information is still in progress. Comm. Smith commented that the uncertainty regarding the future of the dam may have an overall impact on life in the City such as whether or not potential home buyers decide to purchase a home on the Fox River, fishing activities, future development adjacent to the river, etc. City staff will provide Comm. Smith with copies of the NRC's letters to the Task Force from earlier this year which were informational. Comm. Otto reiterated the importance of having the Task Force visit sites on the Fox River where dams have already been removed.

7. Communications – Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports.

Motion to approve and place on file the Public Services Division tree activity reports for September and October 2024. Motion by Comm. Otto, second by Comm. Galante to approve the reports. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:17 p.m.

8. Public Comment.

None.

9. Additional Items.

A. Commissioners.

Comm. Smith requested background information on the proposed removal of the dam and provided comments [*see* 6.D.i. discussion above].

City Staff.

None.

10. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Otto, second by Comm. Haggas to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:40 p.m.

TREE REPORT TOTALS NOVEMBER 2024
TRIMMING - 62
REMOVALS - 3
EMERGENCY REMOVALS - 2

TREE REMOVAL DATA

WORK	QUAD	SPECIES	DBH	NOTES
Emergency In-House Removal	NE	Elm Patriot	9	storm damage
Emergency In-House Removal	NE	Maple Freeman	13	water main break
In-House Removal	SE	Cherry Spp	9	fire blight
In-House Removal	NW	Unknown	cluster	rot, decay
In-House Removal	SE	Maple Norway	22	severe deadwood, rot, decay

TREE REPORT TOTALS DECEMBER 2024
TRIMMING - 63
REMOVALS - 12
EMERGENCY REMOVALS - 0

TREE REMOVAL DATA

WORK	QUAD	SPECIES	DBH	NOTES
In-House Removal	SW	Maple Norway	20	cracking, decay
In-House Removal	NE	Pear Redspire	9	main stem broken
In-House Removal	NE	Locust Thornless Shademaster	11	severe lean over street
In-House Removal	NE	Maple Norway	11	rot at base of trunk
Contract Removal	NW	Catalpa Spp	28	new utility pole
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Contract Removal	SW	Maple Norway	24	rot, scales
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Norway	23	rot, decay
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Norway	19	storm damage
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Norway	20	rot, decay
Contract Removal	SE	Ash Windy City White	19	EAB
Contract Removal	NE	Ash Autumn Purple	13	EAB

CITY OF ST CHARLES - PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION

TREE MAINTENANCE REPORT

SUMMARY FY 2024/2025	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	TOTAL
Trimming	206	123	422	468	88	67	62	63					1,499
Removals	55	57	39	46	56	42	5	12					312
Emergency Removals	1	2	8	0	0	2	2	0					15
Plantings	226	0	0	0	0	0	224	0					450
COMMENTS													