

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES  
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING  
RALPH GRATHOFF, CHAIRMAN  
JULY 11, 2019**

**Members Present:** Chairman Ralph Grathoff, Isabella Bernat, Tom Galante, Heather Goudreau, Ryan Johnson, Jillian Leturno, Suzi Myers, Loren Nagy, Claire Norman, Pam Otto

**Members Absent:** Kathy Brens, Jon Duerr, Chloe Fanning, Lee Haggas, Caroline Wilfong

**Others Present:** Chris Adesso, Marcelline D'Argento

**Visitors Present:** None.

**1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**2. Introduction of Visitors, Comments and Concerns**

None.

**3. Minutes Review and Approval**

Motion to approve and place into the public record the minutes of the June 13, 2019 NRC meeting. Motion by Comm. Galante, second by Comm. Nagy to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:03 p.m.

**4. Old Business**

**A. Arbor Day**

Ms. D'Argento reported she had contacted the St. Charles Park District regarding the availability of Mount Saint Mary Park as the venue for the city's 2020 Arbor Day celebration. The Park District generally will not finalize the upcoming year's site availability until November. Ms. D'Argento was informed that the Arbor Day celebration is considered a legacy event, and relocating to Mount Saint Mary Park should be possible. Additionally, the Arbor Day banners do not have date or location-specific information on them and, therefore, can be re-used.

**B. Storm Drain Markers**

Comm. Goudreau confirmed the second installation of storm drain medallions will be done next Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The group will meet in the parking lot at the Chamber of Commerce and work on the south side of Main Street.

**C. Greenest Region Compact Tool**

Chair. Grathoff verified that a motion of support by the NRC was needed with regard to the City's participation in the Greenest Region Compact II [Compact]. Mr. Adesso stated the NRC's support would be valuable in securing the approval of the Government Services Committee [GSC] to have the City work toward some of the goals of the Compact. Comm. Myers summarized the NRC intended to use the Compact as a tool to assess what the City has already accomplished and as a guideline for future initiatives and goals.

Motion to support the Greenest Region Compact II and recommend GSC approval of the participation resolution for the Compact. Motion by Comm. Nagy, second by Comm. Myers to approve the resolution. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:06 p.m.

Mr. Adesso noted the Compact would likely be on the GSC agenda for the meeting on Monday, September 23, 2019, if the Commissioners would like to attend. A brief three minute presentation will be made during the meeting by City staff and/or Commissioner(s).

**5. New Business**

Comm. Myers asked if the City is aware of the pathogen that causes sudden Oak death. Mr. Adesso responded affirmatively, and stated the potential impact is not yet known. Plant inspections, not moving firewood across state lines and burning firewood immediately are preventative measures. The City and NRC will monitor this issue.

**6. Committee Reports**

**A. Education Committee**

Comm. Myers reviewed the NRC's upcoming article submissions for *The Den*.

**B. Langum Woods Clean-Up Committee**

Comm. Otto reported members of the Kane County certified naturalist group are interested in volunteering at Langum Woods. November through March are the best months to complete clean-up work.

**C. New Committee**

Comm. Goudreau reported she had contacted Lakeshore Recycling Services to obtain containers in advance of the NRC's planned recycling and collection event.

**7. Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports June 2019**

Motion to approve and place into the public record the Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports for the month of June 2019. Motion by Comm. Myers, second by Comm. Nagy. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:20 p.m.

**8. Additional Items**

**A. Commissioners**

Comm. Nagy inquired as to the status of the City's tree inventory. City staff will report on this information at the August 2019 NRC meeting.

Comm. Myers complimented Comm. Goudreau on the content of the NRC's Facebook page.

**B. City Staff**

None.

**C. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Myers, second by Comm. Goudreau. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:25 p.m.