

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES  
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING  
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN  
MARCH 10, 2022**

**Members Present:** Kathleen Brens, Angela Churchill, Tom Galante, Heather Goudreau, Lee Haggas, Ryan Johnson, Suzi Myers, Callie Ramirez.

**Present Via WebEx:** Loren Nagy

**Members Absent:** Morrighan Hayes, Laura Miller Hill, Pam Otto, Deetya Solanki, Michael Stroud, Daniella Taylor

**Visitors Present:** James Enck, John Rabchuk.

**Others Present:** Marcelline D'Argento, AJ Reineking.

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

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

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

Mr. Enck and Mr. Rabchuk were in attendance as members of the River Corridor Foundation.

**3. Minutes Review and Approval**

Motion to approve and place into the public record the minutes of the February 10, 2022 Natural Resources Commission [NRC] meeting. Motion by Comm. Brens, second by Comm. Galante to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:03 p.m.

**4. Old Business**

**A. Arbor Day**

The Commissioners and city staff continued planning for the Arbor Day event scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. in Pottawatomie Park. The following items were discussed:

- Members of the NRC may attend the April 18, 2022 City Council meeting to accept the Arbor Day proclamation from the Mayor. Alternately, Public Works staff attending the April 18th meeting will accept the proclamation on behalf of the NRC.
- The Chairman or other member of the NRC will invite Mayor Vitek to the Arbor Day event to read the city's Proclamation.
- The Girl Scouts are not available for the flag presentation on April 30. Chair. Nagy will contact local Cub/Boy Scouts.
- Comm. Goudreau confirmed Midwest Groundcovers will donate perennials.
- City staff confirmed Arbor Day information has been published in The Den and posted on the NRC's Facebook page. An additional article will be published in the April issue of The Den.
- The Google sign-up sheet for the parks clean-up on April 30 has been finalized by Comms. Goudreau and Ramirez.
- Comm. Myers confirmed there will be live music for the event.
- There were several suggestions for the recipient of the Stewardship Award. A decision will be made at the April NRC meeting.
- Chair. Nagy confirmed Wasco Nursery will donate a tree for the Arbor Day raffle. The nursery will deliver the tree to the winner, but will not plant the tree.

- Comm. Brens confirmed that Wredling Middle School will participate in a tree planting on Friday, April 29.
- Ms. D'Argento reported the Geneva retail store, American Science & Surplus, contacted the city regarding donating item(s) and volunteering for Arbor Day. The Commissioners agreed to have them participate, and city staff will contact the store to confirm.

Planning for Arbor Day will be finalized at the April NRC meeting.

**B. Waivers**

Mr. Reineking requested completed volunteer waivers from Commissioners who have not yet submitted one to city staff.

**C. Annual Election of NRC Chairperson**

Ms. D'Argento noted the annual election of the NRC's Chairperson would be on the agenda for the April meeting for the effective date of May 1, 2022.

**5. New Business**

**A. Commission Expirations**

On April 30, 2022, the commissions of seven members of the NRC will expire. City staff informed the seven Commissioners to contact the Mayor's office and inform her if they are interested in continuing to serve on the NRC.

**6. Committee Reports**

**A. Education Committee**

None.

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

Comm. Johnson reported the timing of the next clean-up is in progress.

**C. Community Sustainability Committee**

None.

**D. Single Use Bag Committee**

Comm. Churchill reported the single use bag survey will be posted on the NRC's Facebook page and shared on the city's social media as well.

**E. Greenest Region Compact Committee**

None.

**F. Urban Forestry Management Plan Review Committee**

None.

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

Motion to approve and place into the public record the Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports for the month of February 2022. Motion by Comm. Galante, second by Comm. Goudreau to approve the reports. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:31 p.m.

**8. Additional Items**

**A. Commissioners**

None.

**B. Visitors**

None.

**C. City Staff**

None.

**9. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Brens, second by Comm. Haggas to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:33 p.m.