

**AGENDA
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
PUBLIC WORKS TRAINING 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 June 9, 2022 Natural Resources Commission meeting.
- 4. Old Business.**
 - A. Joint Meeting
- 5. New Business.**
 - A. Spongy Moths [formerly Gypsy Moths]
 - B. Water Garden Presentation – Comm. Miller Hill
 - C. Rain Barrel Sale – Comm. Miller Hill
- 6. Committee Reports.**
 - A. Education Committee
 - B. Langum Woods Clean-Up Committee
 - C. Community Sustainability Committee
 - D. Single-Use Bag Committee
 - E. Greenest Region Compact Committee
 - a. Bicycle Friendly Community Application
 - F. Urban Forestry Management Plan Review Committee
- 7. Communications.**
 - A. Motion to accept and place on file Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports for June 2022.
- 8. Public Comment.**
- 9. Additional Items from Commissioners and City Staff.**
- 10. Adjourn.**

Next meeting August 11, 2022.

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**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
JUNE 9, 2022**

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was convened by Chair. Nagy at 7:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Tom Galante, Heather Goudreau, Lee Haggas, Laura Miller Hill, Ryan Johnson, Suzi Myers, Chair. Loren Nagy, Pam Otto, Michael Stroud; Student Comms. Morrighan Hayes, Callie Ramirez, Deetya Solanki.

Absent: Kathleen Brens, Angela Churchill, Student Comm. Daniella Taylor.

City Staff Present: Marcelline D'Argento, Victor Pierce.

Visitors Present: None.

3. Minutes Review and Approval

Motion to approve and place into the public record the minutes of the May 12, 2022 Natural Resources Commission [NRC] meeting. Motion by Comm. Otto, second by Comm. Miller Hill to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:08 p.m.

4. Old Business

A. Joint Meeting

Comm. Myers proposed having the NRC host the next joint meeting with the Batavia Environmental Commission and Geneva Natural Resources Committee. A joint meeting has not been held for several years. Suggested dates for the joint meeting were in August or October on the NRC's regular meeting date on the second Thursday of the month. Comm. Myers proposed having a presentation by city staff onsite at the recently completed 7th Avenue Creek Project. The joint meeting could start at a 5:00 pm for the onsite presentation, followed by refreshments possibly at a meeting room at the St. Charles Public Library which is in close proximity. City staff will email the Batavia and Geneva contacts to begin coordinating the joint meeting.

5. New Business

None.

6. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee

Comm. Myers proposed having the NRC donate a book to each of the elementary schools in St. Charles as the Commission has done in the past. Comm. Myers suggested the books *Lights Out* by Marsha Arnold or *What if Night?* by Paul Bogard. Both books address the topic of the importance of dark skies. City staff will coordinate the purchase of the books for distribution by the NRC for the 2022/2023 school year.

B. Langum Woods Clean-Up Committee

Comm. Otto reported former Comm. Jon Duerr is continuing his plant survey.

C. Community Sustainability Committee

None.

D. Single-Use Bag Committee

The Committee plans to make a presentation to the city's Government Operations Committee in the near future. Chair. Nagy presented a draft of the presentation to the NRC. Key points included:

- Human health hazards associated with single-use plastic bags
- The majority of single-use plastic bags to into landfills
- The results of the resident survey
- Support for reducing distribution of single-use plastic straws and tableware [no fees associated with these items are proposed]
- Fee retention

Comments from the Commissioners were positive. The following comments were also made:

- Comm. Stroud will request support for the single-use plastic bag ordinance when he attends an upcoming meeting with the St. Charles Business Alliance
- Comm. Goudreau noted Aldi grocery stores have been successful for years using a fee-based model for plastic and paper bags which are sold at their stores and purchased by customers as needed
- Comm. Miller Hill suggested distributing reusable bags to St. Charles residents when the ordinance is passed

E. Greenest Region Compact Committee

Comms. Goudreau and Miller Hill are continuing to work on the Water section of the Greenest Region Compact. A public education meeting may be held at the St. Charles Public Library with the Conservation Foundation to promote cisterns, rain gardens, rain barrels and green infrastructure. The Committee also proposed a rain barrel sale for residents. Comm. Miller Hill noted the city's Bicycle Friendly Community application remains in progress.

F. Urban Forestry Management Plan Review Committee

Chair. Nagy requested a copy of the most current version of the city's UFMP. City staff will send the document to Chair. Nagy via email.

7. Communications – 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 May 2022. Motion by Comm. Stroud, second by Comm. Goudreau to approve the reports. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:55 p.m.

8. Public Comment

None.

9. Additional Items

A. Commissioners

Chair. Nagy commented on an article entitled *No Mow May* which was distributed to the NRC. Generally, not mowing grass for one month is not practical, given that most residential lawnmowers would not be able to mow long grass. Comm. Otto noted in the past when the St. Charles Park District did not mow areas of grass for a number of weeks, animals were living in the long grass, and were harmed when it was mowed. Comm. Johnson questioned the purpose of not mowing grass; Comm. Miller Hill explained it is to support pollinators. Comm. Otto suggested promoting alternatives such as growing flowers and clover to support pollinators, rather than not mowing grass.

Student Comm. Ramirez suggested having the children at the Pottawatomie Park summer day camps participate in the next Fox River clean-up event. Comm. Otto will send Park District summer camp contact information to Comm. Ramirez.

B. City Staff

None.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Otto, second by Comm. Galante to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 8:10 p.m.

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**CITY OF ST CHARLES - PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION
TREE MAINTENANCE REPORT**

SUMMARY FY 2022/2023	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	TOTAL
Trimming - Public Services	22	58											80
Trimming - Contractor	0	1											1
Removal - Public Services	11	3											14
Removal - Contractor	3	7											10
Emergency Removal - Public Services	0	0											0
Emergency Removal - Contractor	0	2											2
Plantings - Public Services	0	0											0
Plantings - Contractor	150	0											150
COMMENTS													
Inventory Update NWQ 634 Trees													
Mulch 634 Trees													

TREE REPORT TOTALS JUNE 2022
TRIMMING PUBLIC SERVICES - 58
TRIMMING CONTRACTOR - 1
REMOVALS PUBLIC SERVICES - 3
REMOVALS CONTRACTOR - 7
EMERGENCY REMOVALS - 2

COUNT	WORK	CREW		ADDRESS	SIDE	SITE	QUAD	COMPLETED	TREE SPECIES / NOTES
1	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1321	2nd St /S	Front	1	SW	06/03/22	
2	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Crew	1809	Ronzheimer Ave	Front	1	SE	06/23/22	
3	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Crew	521	Cedar St	Side	2	NW	06/01/22	
4	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1416	7th St /S	Front	3	SW	06/28/22	
5	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1416	7th St /S	Front	1	SW	06/28/22	
6	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	109	7th St /N	Front	1	NW	06/28/22	
7	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1416	7th St /S	Front	2	SW	06/28/22	
8	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1119	Independence Ave	Front	1	SE	06/28/22	
9	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1502	Jewel Ave	Front	2	SE	06/28/22	
10	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1562	Independence Ct	Front	2	SE	06/28/22	
11	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	3431	Antoine Pl	Front	3	FW	06/27/22	
12	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1504	Oak St	Side	1	SW	06/27/22	
13	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	38	St. Germain Pl	Front	1	FW	06/27/22	
14	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1820	Forrest Blvd	Front	1	SE	06/27/22	
15	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	440	Reserve Dr	Front	3	NW	06/23/22	
16	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	440	Reserve Dr	Front	2	NW	06/23/22	
17	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	440	Reserve Dr	Front	1	NW	06/23/22	
18	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1403	Indiana St	Front	3	SW	06/23/22	
19	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1403	Indiana St	Front	4	SW	06/23/22	
20	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1403	Indiana St	Front	2	SW	06/23/22	
21	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1403	Indiana St	Front	1	SW	06/23/22	
22	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1553	Allen Ln	Front	2	NE	06/22/22	
23	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	3406	Blackhawk Tr	Front	1	NE	06/21/22	
24	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1210	Keim Tr	Front	1	NE	06/21/22	
25	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	3406	Blackhawk Tr	Front	2	NE	06/21/22	
26	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1210	Keim Tr	Front	2	NE	06/21/22	
27	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	3805	King Richard Ct	Front	1	NE	06/21/22	
28	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	3805	King Richard Ct	Front	2	NE	06/21/22	
29	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	2220	Forest Ridge Rd	Front	1	NE	06/20/22	
30	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	2220	Forest Ridge Rd	Front	2	NE	06/20/22	
31	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1360	Adams Ct	Side	1	SE	06/08/22	
32	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	4745	Foley Ln	Front	1	NW	06/08/22	

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33	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	2026	Bridle Ct	Front	1	NE	06/08/22	
34	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	604	Jackson Ave	Side	1	SE	06/07/22	
35	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1001	2nd St /S	Side	2	SW	06/07/22	
36	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	50	Horne St	Front	1	SW	06/07/22	
37	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	3840	Swenson Ave	Front	1	SE	06/07/22	
38	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	3102	Pendleton Ct	Front	2	NW	06/06/22	
39	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	3102	Pendleton Ct	Front	5	NW	06/06/22	
40	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	3102	Pendleton Ct	Front	3	NW	06/06/22	
41	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	219	Chasse Cir	Front	2	NE	06/06/22	
42	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	3102	Pendleton Ct	Front	1	NW	06/06/22	
43	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	219	Chasse Cir	Front	1	NE	06/06/22	
44	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	3102	Pendleton Ct	Front	4	NW	06/06/22	
45	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	607	7th St /S	Front	2	SW	06/06/22	
46	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	3102	Pendleton Ct	Front	6	NW	06/06/22	
47	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1603	Ronzheimer Ave	Front	1	SE	06/03/22	
48	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	1603	Ronzheimer Ave	Front	2	SE	06/03/22	
49	Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	521	Cedar St	Side	3	NW	06/01/22	
1	Call - Trimming Request	Demar Trimming Crew	1414	Jewel Ave	Rear	1	SE	06/15/22	
634	Inventory - Update	In-House Crew	634	Sites Inventoried			NW	June 2022	
239	Mulch	In-House Crew	239	Sites Mulched			SW	June 2022	
1	Removal	In-House Removal	1205	Jewel Ave	Front	2	SE	06/20/22	Norway Maple / poor condition
2	Removal	In-House Removal	1037	3rd St /S	Front	1	SW	06/16/22	Red Pointe Maple / warranty
3	Removal	In-House Removal	216	7th Ave /S	Front	2	SE	06/16/22	Newport Cherry / black knot
1	Removal	DeMar Removal Crew	1624	7th Ave /S	Front	1	SE	06/20/22	Redspire Pear
2	Removal	DeMar Removal Crew	1600	7th Ave /S	Front	1	SE	06/16/22	Redspire Pear
3	Removal	DeMar Removal Crew	1102	7th Ave /S	Front	2	SE	06/16/22	Cimm. Ash
4	Removal	DeMar Removal Crew	1102	7th Ave /S	Front	1	SE	06/16/22	Cimm. Ash
5	Removal	DeMar Removal Crew	712	Mosedale St	Front	2	SW	06/15/22	Norway Maple
6	Removal	DeMar Removal Crew	708	Mosedale St	Front	2	SW	06/15/22	Silver Maple
7	Removal	DeMar Removal Crew	1620	7th Ave /S	Front	1	SE	06/20/22	Crabapple
1	Removal Emergency	DeMar Removal Crew	1024	4th St /S	Front	2	SW	06/16/22	Norway Maple
2	Removal Storm Damage	DeMar Removal Crew	111	19th St /S	Front	2	SW	06/16/22	Silver Maple

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1	Trimming-Internal Request	In-House Trimming	615	7th St /S	Front	1	SW	06/03/22	
2	Trimming-Internal Request	In-House Trimming	1121	Independence Ave	Front	2	SE	06/28/22	
3	Trimming-Internal Request	In-House Trimming	1113	Independence Ave	Front	2	SE	06/28/22	
4	Trimming-Internal Request	In-House Trimming	3431	Antoine Pl	Front	2	FW	06/27/22	
5	Trimming-Internal Request	In-House Trimming	3129	Raphael Ct	Front	1	FW	06/27/22	
6	Trimming-Internal Request	In-House Trimming	119	Lewis Ct	Front	1	NW	06/27/22	
7	Trimming-Internal Request	In-House Trimming	604	Tyler Rd /N	Side	1	NE	06/22/22	
8	Trimming-Internal Request	In-House Trimming	219	Chasse Cir	Front	2	NE	06/06/22	
9	Trimming-Internal Request	In-House Trimming	702	Foxfield Ct	Side	3	NE	06/03/22	