

ST. ALBANS CITY PARKS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES APRIL 11, 2017 5:30 PM CITY HALL AUDITORIUM

In Attendance: Tom Koldys, Angie Sturm, Joanie McGinn & Stina Booth.

Absent: Barbara Weinstein, Jeff Young & Alec Kaeding.

Staff Members Present: Andrew Gratton, Recreation Program Manager & Kelly Viens, Recreation Director.

Guests Present: Josh Lareau.

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 5:44 pm.

2. Presentation from Josh Lareau on behalf of CCV Environmental Science course on options/designs for restoring a riparian corridor along the stream at Houghton Park (D&V).

Josh Lareau presented Stevens Brook Restoration options/outline via iPad:

- greater spacing than previously thought but in long term should fill in with cuttings/propagation.
- Aim for symmetry on both sides, ~100 trees/shrubs, ~30 feet out from brook.
- Species include buttonbush, shrubwillow, red osier dogwood, elderberry & serviceberry.
- Trees include red oak, silver maple, sycamore, black willow.
- City will aid with mulch.
- EPA grant will fund through CCV class, will hopefully open up options for more funding.
- Installation May 4 and 6 12pm, will seek assistance from local schools, parks commission will broadcast to other groups.

Discussion:

- want to make sure living fence provides a barrier.
- Space for a walkway between trees and understory will be provided.

A motion was made by Joanie McGinn; seconded by Angie Sturm to accept Josh Lareau's proposal as presented. Motion carried, 4-0.

3. Other business – to be considered for future agenda.

No other business was discussed.

4. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Joanie McGinn; seconded by Angie McGinn to adjourn meeting. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.