



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MARCH 16, 2021

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2021 MEETING MINUTES
 - a. February 16, 2021 Minutes
- IV. ARBORIST REPORT
 - a. Arbor Day Events with Cub Scouts and Daisies
 - Appen article
 - b. Heritage Trees of Alpharetta project
- V. KEEP ALPHARETTA BEAUTIFUL / ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS
 - a. 2021 Public Offerings
 - Spring programs
 - 1. April 10 Document Shredding and Electronics Recycling Event
 - Alpharetta's Wild Side Recertification
 - Keep America/Alpharetta Beautiful initiatives
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS
- VII. 2021 MEETING DATE
- VIII. ADJOURN

**Natural Resources Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2021**

I. Call to Order

A Zoom meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held on February 16, 2021. Attendees: Deb Zemlock (chair), Kate Tunison, Geri Chapple, Dan Mitnick, Terry Porter (staff) and David Shostak (staff).

II. Approval of January 2021 Meeting Minutes

Geri Chapple moved to accept the January 2021 minutes. Dan Mitnick seconded the motion. The January 2021 minutes were approved.

III. Arborist Report

- There are currently no open projects or new requests for help from the arborist.
- Review of tree removal permits continue.
- Do crepe myrtles need a permit for removal? This is a gray area but it's a good idea to ask the arborist first.

Arbor Day

- Deb Zemlock investigated replacing trees to celebrate Arbor Day. A tree to replace the tree planted to honor Jon McPhail will be replaced this month. David Shostak offered advice on replacements and groupings.
- Arbor Day will be moved to March 2021. Deb Zemlock proposed March 6 as a new date. Two trees will be replaced on Marconi Drive.
- Deb will work with Ben Manley to determine if Russell Manley's Cub Scout troop may be willing to help. If the Cub Scouts aren't able to assist with Arbor Day, there are two Witch Hazel trees that need to be planted soon.
- The commission will need to write a proclamation to be read at the City Council meeting. A date must be chosen first.

IV. Keep Alpharetta Beautiful/Environmental Programs

a. Programs

- The NRC Programs Committee will meet this Thursday, February 25, 2021. There will be a discussion about outreach and future plans for Alpharetta's Wild Side. The group will consider more public outreach programs.
- Carol from the UGA Cooperative Extension program will be giving seed packets to anyone requesting them. Other seeds were sent to the Alpharetta Farm.
- The Alpharetta High School Environmental Club will host a native plant sale. They are working with a nursery called Morning Song/Side to encourage native plantings in home yards. They will promote this on their Facebook page. The sale will be remote. Would the NRC like to help promote this event? The NRC might be able to help with tents, etc. If the NRC Facebook page can be recovered, the NRC will promote the event on its page.
- There is a Zero-Waste webinar. Please let Terry Porter know if you're interested in attending.

V. March Meeting Date

The next meeting of the commission will be March 16, 2021, via Zoom.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

Public meeting March 16, 2021

Environmental Programs Coordinator Report – Terry Porter

Spring Programs Offered

2/21/21	Hosta – A Perfect Addition to Your Shade Garden
	Arbor Day Programs & Tree Plantings
3/1/21	Proclamation
3/6/21	Tree plantings at Maroni Drive
3/7/21	Tree and perennial plantings – Webb Bridge Park
3/2/21	Lawn Care for Spring and Summer in Atlanta
3/7/21	Big Trees of Sandy Springs
3/14/21	Establishing and Growing Perennials
3/21/21	Attracting Wildlife and Detracting Critters
3/23/21	Native Schmative! What's the big deal?
4/10/21	Community Shredding and Recycling Collection
4/10/21	Computer and Electronics Recycling Collection
4/18/21	Spring Vegetable Planting Demonstration
4/22/21	Rain Barrel Workshop
4/24/21	Rain Barrel Pickup
5/22/21	Household Hazardous Waste and Paint Collection