

**Natural Resources Commission Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2022  
7:00pm – Meeting  
Alpharetta City Hall**

**I. Call to Order**

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held on February 15, 2022. Attendees: Kate Tunison, Beth Ott, Geri Chapple, Dan Mitnick, Ben Manley, David Shostak, Clay Jones and Arrata Watanabe.

Our newest member, Clay, is a Realtor who was born and raised in Alpharetta. He is married with 3 children.

**II. Approval of January 2022 Meeting Minutes**

The January minutes from 01/18/22 were approved with the following changes: Meeting date was 01/18/22. Change name of event to “Bring one for the Chipper”.

**III. Arborist Report**

David asked for discussion on the date and location of this year’s Arbor Day. The State will celebrate Arbor Day virtually on 2/22/22. The two locations that most felt to be the best choices were Silo Park and Mid-Broadwell Park. Both have good parking and good locations. Members of the Commission will visit both locations and email their preference. 3/19/22 is the date likely to be selected as Alpharetta Arbor Day this year. Several folks suggested Dog Wood trees be planted in the location the majority select. The last Friday of April is National Arbor Day.

A parent from the Boy Scout Troop passed away. We will plant a tree in his honor on Arbor Day, 03/19/22. We’ve not yet decided which park we will attend for Arbor Day. Most likely the Silos. Ben will check with the Park to see where they’d like us to plant the Memorial tree.

David reported that people are topping trees they should not. He also said many residents of communities are unhappy with developers and individual home reconstruction removing trees. The City is going to change the requirements, these actions are creating drainage problems. The problem is especially bad in homes near Independence High School. Single family redo’s must follow the same rules as developers.

It was suggested that each commissioner invite the City Council Member that appointed them to Arbor Day. Geri will create an invitation and a Proclamation. We will also invite Appen Newspaper to attend. We check with the scout troop to decide what time works best for the event. David suggested we have water bottles for folks at Arbor Day.

**IV. Keep Alpharetta Beautiful/Environmental Programs**

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Earth Month is April. We can ask for a free booth at the Alpharetta Farmer's Market beginning 4/23/22. We must decide who will man the booth, what time set up and take down will be. We will advertise gardening. We must resolve our Facebook problem.

David says the Alpharetta Police are doing something for the Great American Backyard Campout, and that we can join them.

Kate discussed Centennial Trees. Water quality in Alpharetta is not great, due to folks not picking up after their dogs. It was suggested that we perhaps use our \$2,000 budget to purchase poop bags, poop stations or brochures.

**V. Alpharetta Curbside Recycling Program**

Geri decided to table discussion of recycling.

**VI. Budget Committee**

No new report

**VII. March Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be 3/15/22 @7P.M. at City Hall

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.