

**City of Kalamazoo
TREE COMMITTEE
Minutes
July 6, 2021**

Electronic Meeting

Members

Present: Brian LaBelle, Forester, COK
Anthony Ladd, Public Works Division Manager, COK
Erik Injerd, Forester, Consumers Energy
Patrick McVerry, Deputy Director - Parks & Recreation, COK
Deborah Nichols, Forester, Consumers Energy
Steve Skalski, Water Superintendent & Asst. City Engineer, COK
Gail Walter, Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC)

City Staff: Karen Rutherford, Recording Secretary

Guests: Laurie Davis, Hurley & Stewart
Tim Rayman, Greenleaf Hospitality Group, Radisson Plaza Hotel

A. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Ladd called the electronic meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Ladd completed roll call and determined the aforementioned members were present.

C. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Committee Chair Ladd introduced guest:

- Laurie Davis, Hurley & Stewart
- Tim Rayman, Greenleaf Hospitality Group, Radisson Plaza Hotel

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the July 6, 2021 Agenda. Committee Member LaBelle supported by Committee Member McVerry, made a motion to approve the July 6, 2021 Agenda. With a voice vote, the motion was carried.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June 1, 2021)

Committee Member Walter made a correction to the June 1, 2021 Minutes, under Section F – New Business, Page 4, first paragraph – change “underground” to “over-head”.

Committee Member LaBelle supported by Committee Member Walter moved approval of the June 1, 2021 Committee Minutes as amended. With a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

E. NEW BUSINESS

100 W. Michigan Avenue – Zazios – Tree Removal Request – Hurley & Stewart

Committee Chair Ladd opened discussion for tree removals at 100 W. Michigan Avenue.

Ms. Laurie Davis, with Hurley & Stewart, displayed the landscaping plan and stated the patio area of Zazios is being replaced with a build out area to increase the building. They are placing large panels of granite on the outside of the building. The four trees are located in front of the patio area and will need to be removed so the granite panels can be placed. She stated the two for one replacement of the trees will not fit in this area. They propose to plant four katsura trees in this area. The katsura is similar in size and shape to the existing trees and does well in urban areas. Also, they propose to plant the four additional trees in a location indicated by the City.

Committee Chair Ladd asked Ms. Davis to expand on the reason for the removal of the trees since the trees are in the right of way. Ms. Davis stated construction machinery will need to be in the area where the trees are located in order to place the large granite panels.

Committee Member LaBelle noted due to recent construction the tree roots of these trees have already been compromised. Committee Chair Ladd stated there is construction material stockpiled around the trees at least 18" high which compromises the roots of the trees.

Committee Member Walter stated the replacement trees proposed, katsura, are native to Japan and China. She asked if they would consider replacing with trees that are native to the mid-west that would be of a similar size. Ms. Davis responded that certainly is a possibility.

Committee Chair Ladd stated any additional plantings outside this site could be a good opportunity to replace dead or dying trees or in open spaces in the downtown area. Committee Member LaBelle stated there is some space south of the area where trees were recently removed.

Committee Chair Ladd asked if there was any reason or concern the replanted trees would not be able to survive. Ms. Davis stated she would not expect any problems. Committee Member LaBelle stated most of the soil is fill and probably not the worst soil. Committee Member Nichols asked if there is a sprinkler in the area. Committee Member LaBelle stated there is a sprinkler system. Committee Member Nichols stated the trees should be able to get established as long as there are no non electric utilities, i.e. water or underground sprinklers. Ms. Davis stated there is a line of utilities that go through there. MISS Dig has been called and knows exactly where everything is.

Committee Chair Ladd asked in order to facilitate the work if they would need additional space on the mall. He noted he is concerned with the removal of the trees, and the heavy equipment involved causing damage to areas around this site. Ms. Davis responded they would use a bobcat to remove the trees and didn't expect it to be a problem. She stated she would add notes that the contractor would be responsible for the existing workmanship of the site.

Committee Member LaBelle suggested replacing the trees with native trees such as half hornbeam, coffee, or hornbeam. Ms. Davis stated they would agree to making this change. Committee Member

Walter stated those are of comparable size. She stated she was considering one of the service berries, or a crab tree, or a thornless hawthorn. Ms. Davis stated the hornbeam would be of similar size, with good fall colors. The tree size would be a 3" caliper.

Committee Member LaBelle asked if they would agree to a two-year guarantee that the eight trees will live. Ms. Davis agreed.

Committee Member LaBelle supported by Committee Member Walter, made a motion to approve the removal of the four pear trees with replacement of eight trees. Four of the replacement trees will be planted at this location, being hornbeams of 3" caliper and the four additional trees to be planted in the general location downtown, the species to be determined later, along with a two-year guarantee all the trees will live. With a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

G. OLD BUSINESS

Bank Street Realignment Project – Tree Species

Committee Chair Ladd stated he is still waiting on an updated landscaping plan. He stated there is additional plantings being added along the east side of Bank Street. He is going to make another request for the updated landscaping plan after this meeting.

H. ACTION ITEMS

None.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

J. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Committee Member Walter asked for an update of the Tree Ordinance. Committee Chair Ladd responded they had a meeting scheduled but 24 to 48 hours prior to the meeting there were scheduling conflicts for 3 to 4 members and the meeting had to be cancelled. He stated it is important to have all the members present to get everyone's participation and input. Another Doodle Poll will be forthcoming.

Committee Member Ladd stated the City has a fall tree planting project slated to start in September with Twin Lakes Nursery which includes 300 plantings. We also bid out our maintenance/trimming project for this year for block pruning in addition to our hazardous tree trimming program that will be coming out soon. Our tree inventory is well underway, and he hopes to have more information to share in about 1.5 months as they conclude the tree inventory.

K. ADJOURNMENT

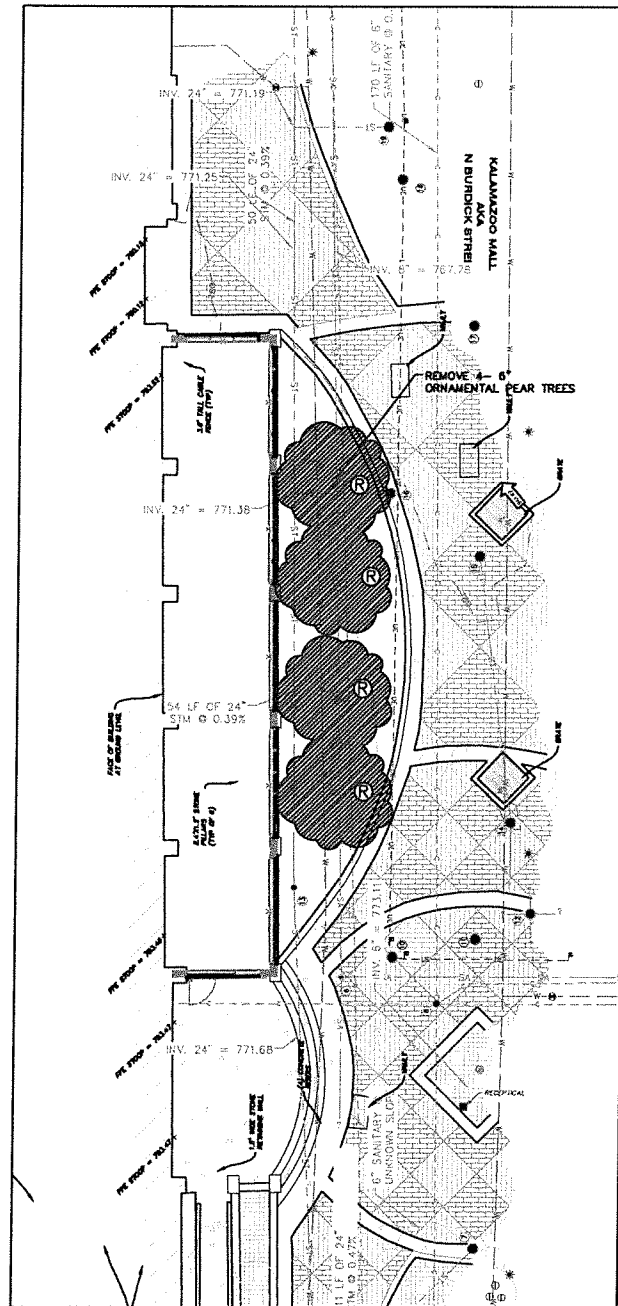
Committee Chair LaBelle supported by Committee Member Ladd, made a motion to adjourn the Tree Committee meeting. With a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Submitted by: Karen Rutherford
Recording Secretary

Date: 11-2-2021

Approved by: [Signature]
Staff Liaison

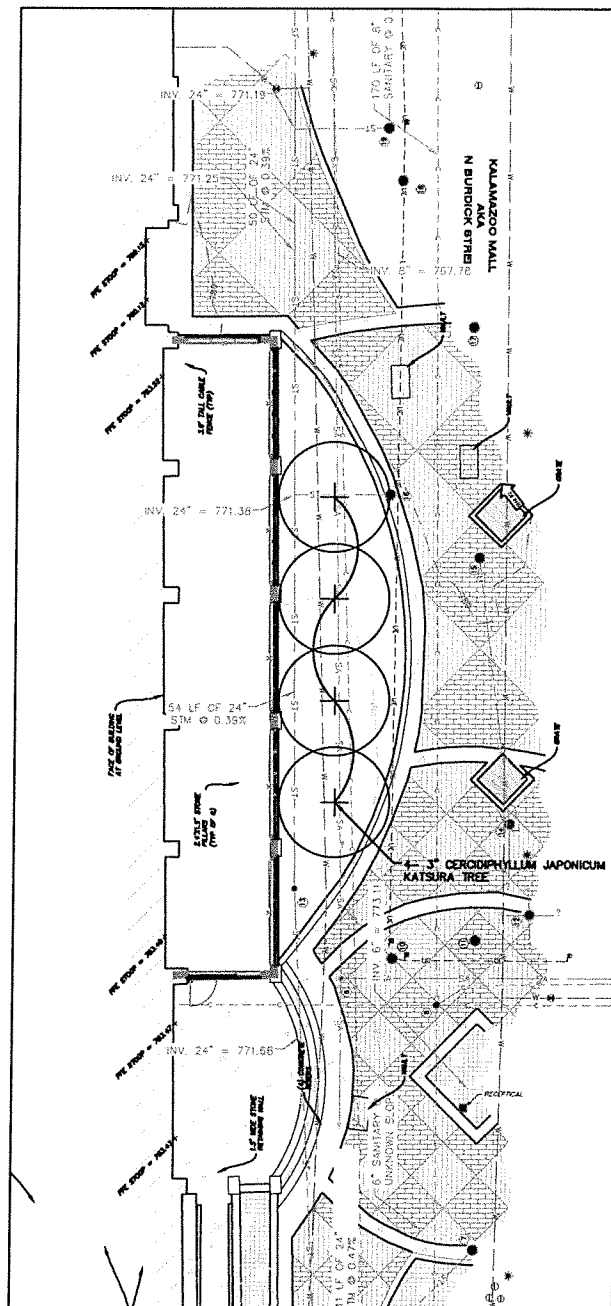
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TREE REMOVALS
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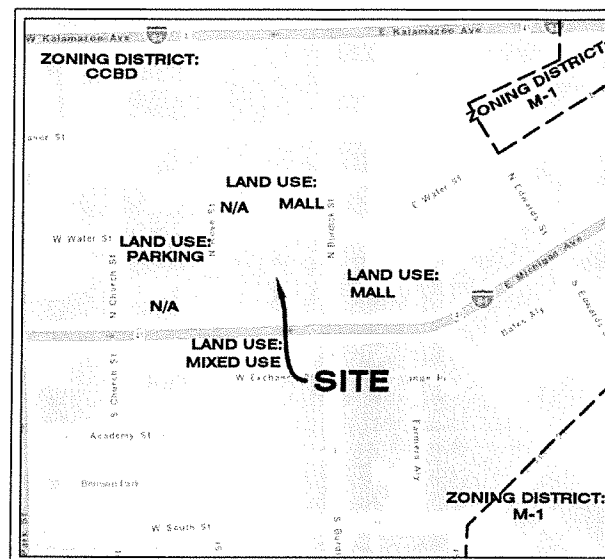
- REMOVALS LEGEND**
- TREE REMOVAL
 - REMOVE

THE CITY OF KALAMAZOO TREE COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS FOR TREE REMOVAL WITHIN THE CITY ROW REQUIRE THE OWNER REPLANT 2 TREES FOR EVERY TREE REMOVED. BECAUSE THIS SPACE CAN NOT ACCOMMODATE 8 TREES, GREENLEAF HOSPITALITY GROUP AGREES TO PLANT 4 - 3" TREES NEAR TO THE PROPOSED SITE. TREE REMOVALS WILL NOT BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GREENLEAF HOSPITALITY GROUP,



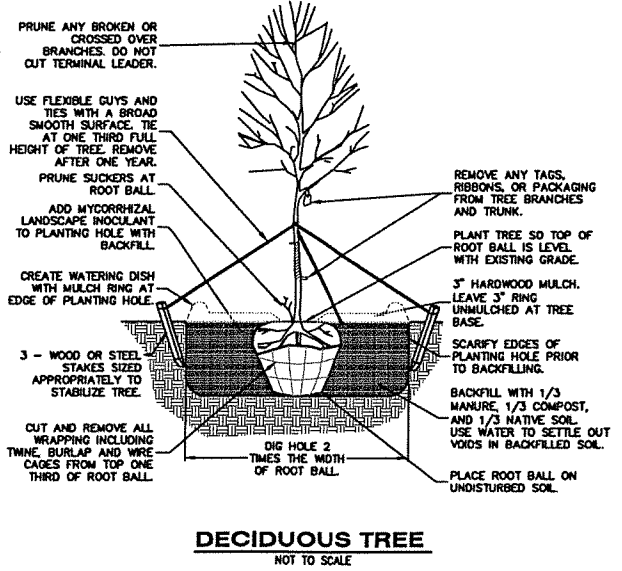
PROPOSED PLANTINGS
SCALE: 1"=10'-0"

- LEGEND**
- PROPOSED DECIDUOUS TREE



Location Map
Not to Scale

NOTE: STAKING OF BALL AND BURLAP TREES REQUIRED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVAL OF ALL STAKING AT END OF ONE YEAR WARRANTY PERIOD.



DECIDUOUS TREE
NOT TO SCALE

- LANDSCAPE NOTES:**
- PROVIDE QUALITY, SIZE, GENUS, SPECIES, AND VARIETY OF EXTERIOR PLANTS INDICATED, COMPLYING WITH APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS IN ANSI Z60.1 "AMERICAN STANDARD FOR NURSERY STOCK," MEASURE ACCORDING TO ANSI Z60.1 STANDARDS.
 - WARRANT TREES FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION AGAINST DEFECTS INCLUDING DEATH AND UNSATISFACTORY GROWTH, EXCEPT FOR DEFECTS RESULTING FROM INCIDENTS THAT ARE BEYOND CONTRACTOR'S CONTROL.
 - REMOVE AND REPLACE DEAD PLANTS IMMEDIATELY. REPLACE PLANTS THAT ARE MORE THAN 25% DEAD OR IN AN UNHEALTHY CONDITION AT END OF WARRANTY PERIOD. A LIMIT OF ONE REPLACEMENT OF EACH PLANT WILL BE REQUIRED, EXCEPT FOR LOSSES OR REPLACEMENTS DUE TO FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS.
 - MAINTAIN TREES FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION BY PRUNING, CULTIVATING, WATERING, WEEDING, FERTILIZING, RESTORING PLANTING SAUCERS, TIGHTENING AND REPAIRING STAKES AND GUY SUPPORTS, AND RESETTING TO PROPER GRADES OR VERTICAL POSITION, AS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH HEALTHY MATURE PLANTINGS. SPRAY AS REQUIRED TO KEEP TREES FREE OF INSECTS AND DISEASE.



ALL UTILITIES AS SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS DERIVED FROM ACTUAL MEASUREMENTS AND AVAILABLE RECORDS. THEY SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED TO BE EXACT LOCATION NOR SHOULD IT BE ASSUMED THAT THEY ARE THE ONLY UTILITIES IN THE AREA.
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**TREE REPLACEMENT PLAN
NEW RESTAURANT RENOVATION
GREENLEAF HOSPITALITY GROUP**

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Project:
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