



Independence Tree Commission Minutes

December 11, 2024 5:30 PM

Gudgell Park Church - 500 E. Gudgell, Independence, MO 64055

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

Commissioners Present: David Campbell, Darla Eames, Tim O'Neil, Jim Hannah
Staff Present: Mike Adams, Charlotte Olejko

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS

Woodlawn Cemetery Trees - On hold until Spring. Need time for planning and procuring trees, amendments, and mulch

NEW BUSINESS

1. End of Year Review

Annual end-of-year review and trivia with refreshments provided by Commissioners

TREE TALK

American Holly, *Ilex opaca*. Broadleaf evergreen. 15-30' H x 10-20' W. Full sun to part shade. Female has bright red berries. Only native holly to the US. Spiny leaves. Prefers moist, acidic soils. Cultivars of this have shinier leaves. Do need a male holly to get female hollies to produce berries. Can get mites, leaf spot, powdery mildew, scale and whitefly. Needs some protection from cold winter winds and some shade in hot afternoon areas. Genus name from *Quercus* *Ilex* for holm oak. Holm Oak is evergreen. Specific epithet means opaque or dull; referring to the leaf.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

1. Next Meeting - January 8, 2025