

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

August 1, 2022

Chairman Scott Kirby called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Members present: Scott Kirby, Jim Hagen, Rob Ross, Greg Kuhr, Christine Ardley, Kali Sawaya and Mark Easterling.

Visitor: Marie Dunn, Public Information Officer.

We reviewed minutes from the July 5th meeting. Jim Hagen made the motion to approve the minutes and Scott Kirby second the motion and all were in favor (7-0).

BEGIN DISCUSSION OF FALL PLANTINGS. HOW LONG IS THE TREE REQUEST LIST? ARE THERE GATEWAYS OR OTHER AREAS IN THE CITY THAT COULD USE TREES? MAKE SURE TREE DIVERSITY IS PART OF DISCUSSION

Greg Kuhr stated no update yet. Will be starting on this soon. Hard to tell if new trees are dead or not. Loosing leaves early but in some cases there is green so there is hope.

REVIEW BUDGET ITEMS FOR NEXT YEAR UPDATE

Submitted the first draft of the budget.

STREET TREE WATER BAG DOOR HANGER UPDATE

Mark Easterling has a stack of the door hangers and Planning & Zoning will be hanging these as needed. All commission members received a copy of the door hanger as well.

TREE SURVEY UPDATE PLANS FOR SUMMER

Rob Ross stated that this is on hold until an Arborist hiring decision is made.

WEBSITE SUGGESTIONS

Marie Dunn reported that she did re-do the brochure. She gave Kali Sawaya a copy to review but after discussion, Marie Dunn said she would send the link to everyone to review. Pictures are a nice touch! She would like everyone to take special notice to the approved/disapproved list of trees. Once all changes are made, Marie Dunn will link to the website.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

Greg Kuhr reported on the following: storm damage (Louisiana Avenue, West Sixth Street, West Seventh Street, Candyce Court and South Redhawk). Several obstructed signs at (Brittany, West River Road, West Second Street, Three Meadows Blvd, Georgia Road and Woodland Avenue). The City crews trimmed 26 street trees and removed 11. Woods Tree Service had 3 large removals and they are in the power lines. We will be getting out to the school zones and crosswalk signs.

OTHER BUSINESS

Scott Kirby suggested as a committee, we write a letter to Tolson Investments LLC, who is the owner of the shopping center that Rite Aid Pharmacy has a store. Commission members have expressed concern about the growth at the base of the trees in the city right-of-way along this property.

At 510 East Sixth Street the homeowner removed a street tree. They would like to have their landscape company (Perrysburg Landscape) plant another one. Scott Kirby said if enough room he was ok with the Cherry tree but Kali Sawaya said it is on our unapproved tree list. Greg Kuhr will check it out. He will pull up the tree tracker inventory and check to see if healthy or not. Committee discussed what would the fine be if mistakenly removed the tree. Greg Kuhr said he would let the committee know what he finds. He needs to re-read the ordinance and review with Planning & Zoning on the “after the fact”.

Mark Easterling mentioned that street tree plans for Riverford Plat 10 for Fountain Point Villas on Five Point Road will be coming soon.

Kali Sawaya made a request that we move the meeting time from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for the Street Tree Commission meetings. Took a vote and all was in favor (7-0). We need to make the appropriate time changes on the website and elsewhere.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. with Kali Sawaya making the motion and Christine Ardley seconding the motion and all in favor (7-0).

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12th at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Jon G. Eckel Public Service Building, 11980 Roachton Road, Perrysburg, Ohio.

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