

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

September 12, 2022

Vice Chairman Christine Ardley called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

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

Members late: Scott Kirby and Mark Easterling.

Visitor: Marie Dunn, Public Information Officer.

We reviewed minutes from the August 1st meeting. Jim Hagen made the motion to approve the minutes and Kali Sawaya second the motion and all were in favor (5-0).

FALL PLANTING UPDATE

Greg Kuhr will start very soon. The list of requested trees has been printed and he will get out to check each location. Rob Ross and Greg Kuhr will be working on this together as we have many replacements to do as well as the requested list. Pricing has increased and a list will be developed and sent out to bid.

REVIEW BUDGET ITEMS FOR NEXT YEAR UPDATE

Budget has been submitted and we are waiting to hear back.

TREE SURVEY UPDATE PLANS FOR SUMMER

Rob Ross reported we are still waiting.

WEBSITE SUGGESTIONS

Kali Sawaya would like the website more user friendly. Kali Sawaya said the brochure looks good but suggested for the website it needs to be condensed. A direct link to the permit would be good and make hot links once you get to the street trees.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

Greg Kuhr reported on the following: City crews grounded stumps, filled and seeded at 43 locations. There were nine prunings as well as school zone site obstructions at crosswalks that continue popping up between the school transportation office and residents. Twenty two storm damage pick-ups and four removals that were looked at and determined they need to be contracted out.

ODNR FALL SEMINAR

Full registration and agenda will be coming out in September. Wednesday, November 2nd, 9:00 – 3:30 in the Bluffton Village Hall Community Room.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kali Sawaya told the Commission that she has signed up for the Freshman class for the Tree Commission Academy.

Christine Ardley asked about the Commission's participation at the Fall homecoming festival that is upcoming in a few weeks. Rob Ross responded that we will not have a booth this year.

510 East Sixth Street – this resident removed the street tree and wanted to replace it with a Cherry tree. The Cherry tree is on the prohibited list so they will need to choose another replacement. More discussion ensued to determine which list the Cherry tree needs to be on. Kali Sawaya made a motion to remove it from the prohibited list but won't add it to the approved list. Jim Hagen second the motion and all in favor (7-0).

Tree City and Growth Award information will be coming soon. We will check our notes to see what items we can use for the Growth award this year.

The City of Perrysburg is hosting the September 21, 2022 Chain Saw Seminar at Three Meadows Park. We will send some of our employees to attend.

Jim Hagen asked about the 2022 Tree Canopy Restoration Grant through the ODNR information. Rob Ross said he and Greg Kuhr would look into this a little further.

Jim Hagen said he would reach out to Stephanie Miller, Urban Forester, to get information on the specifics on developer specs for ground and will give to Rob Ross to present to P&Z.

Mark Easterling asked for a copy of the Coventry Point street tree plans for Plat 1 & 2.

We will review the approved and unapproved street tree list at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m. with Jim Hagen making the motion and Kali Sawaya seconding the motion and all in favor (7-0).

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3rd 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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