

Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission

Meeting Held January 9, 2023

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Scott Kirby called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

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

Member absent: Greg Kuhr.

We reviewed minutes from the December 5th meeting. Christine Ardley made the motion to approve the minutes and Kali Sawaya second the motion and all were in favor (6-0).

Elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Year

Rob Ross asked Scott Kirby and Christine Ardley if they would like to keep their positions as Chairman and Vice Chairman. They both responded yes. All in favor (6-0).

Select an Arbor Day Chairman

Jim Hagen was voted to be Chairman and he accepted. All in favor (6-0).

Plat Map for Fountain Point to Review

Mark Easterling passed out copies of the preliminary plat. Few questions Mark Easterling answered were: (1) How big is the right-of-way and he replied standard 15' ROW and that there would be two driveways per parcel similar to Rivers Edge but not as close together. (2) Are the roads in and he replied he wasn't sure but they would not likely pull permits until the Spring to begin construction.

Street Tree Commission Report

Rob Ross shared the following information with the Commission using the numbers submitted in the Tree City application: 495 trees planted, 762 trees pruned and 185 trees removed.

Report on Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Christmas tree recycling starts today and they will be following the refuse route.

OLD BUSINESS

Tree City USA Recertification and Growth Award Application

We have completed the applications and sent in. There is a problem with receiving emails for the Growth Award. It is on the Arbor Day Foundation's end to get it taken care of. We have everything ready to email once we get the word.

Winter Pruning Plans

Rob Ross reported 90 pruned street trees in December. Sending two crews out daily as weather allows.

Fall Planting Update

North Branch planting has been completed per Rob Ross.

Update on Budget

The second amended budget has been re-submitted. Mark Easterling asked if \$525.00 still works as the number to plant a tree or does it need to be increased. Rob Ross said he would look into this. Some trees are more expensive than others.

Tree Survey Update Plans for Summer

Four candidates have been interviewed and we will be bringing two back for a second interview. Jim Hagen suggested one of the Street Tree Commission members sit in round two of interviews or could Commission members submit questions to be asked.

Scott Kirby offered to be a part of the second round of interviews. If anyone has questions, submit them to Scott Kirby ASAP.

Pruning/Removal Report

Rob Ross gave a summary of the year. City crews pruned 852 trees, removed 185 and 495 trees were planted through November, 2022. North Branch will be planting 206 new street trees and they also planted 10 trees at Orleans Park, 19 at Rotary Park and 3 on W.S. Boundary due to road widening.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Hagen offered to reach out to Michael Deal, our new Commission member, and talk to him about the Tree Commission Academy.

Renewed Outdoors was inexpensive when we started out with them. \$11,000.00 per year for brush and leaves. Costs have increased (fuel, labor, etc). Their proposal for 2023 was double this year. May have to go out to bid. Renewed Outdoors can buy mulch cheaper than processing it.

Christine Ardley asked where the situation stands with the home at the corner of Cherry and Sixth Streets. The driveway was widened and tore up a lot of roots. The resident was told they are responsible to replace the tree. Scott Kirby said it has to be removed and Rob Ross said he would reach out to Greg Kuhr to see where this stands. Mark Easterling will also check it out.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. with Kali

Sawaya making the motion and Christine Ardley seconding the motion and all in favor (6-0).

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6th at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Jon G. Eckel Public Service Building, 11980 Roachton Road, Perrysburg, Ohio.