

Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission

Meeting Held March 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Scott Kirby, Chair.

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance: Scott Kirby, Christine Ardley, Michael Deal, James Hagen, Greg Kuhr, Dan Ledyard, Rob Ross and Kali Sawaya. Member absent: Mark Easterling.

APPROVAL OF 2/6/2023 MEETING MINUTES

Christine Ardley made the motion to approve the February 6, 2023 minutes and Kali Sawaya second the motion. All in favor (8-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Rob Ross introduced Dan Ledyard, our Urban Forester. Dan Ledyard told the group he worked for the City of Toledo for 28.5 years. Dan Ledyard said Scott Kirby asked him in the interview process what he would like to do for the guys. I responded by saying I want to work with the guys some and see what they need as far as training. Dan Ledyard has also been involved in Swanton and Whitehouse Street Tree Commissions in the past.

Remove Tree Bags from Previous 2 Year Plantings

Greg Kuhr reported that the crew is in the process of removing tree bags from the 2021 list now.

OLD BUSINESS

Arbor Day Progress

Jim Hagen reported that Next Day Signs quoted him \$45.00/per banner which normally costs \$60.00/per banner. He will get a second quote and will send them to us so we can get a Purchase Order opened. There will be 24 banners to be made. Jim Hagen will also check with Marie Dunn, the PIO to make sure she is available to take pictures and will get a proclamation typed and signed by the Mayor. Dan Ledyard will be picking up the winning banners from the schools on March 31st. Recycle Toters will be delivered to the schools the second week of April for the book recycling event.

Greg Kuhr will contact North Branch about the availability of a Sycamore or Oak tree as well as check the best location for the tree at Rotary Community Park.

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 28th at 2:00 p.m. at Rotary Community Park. Wear your Tree City USA shirt. Mayor Mackin to make the introduction and Dan Ledyard will speak.

Tree City USA Recertification and Growth Award Application

Greg Kuhr printed off the congratulations email that we have been approved for both Tree City USA as well as the Growth Award.

Winter Pruning Plans/Prunings/Removals Report

Dan Ledyard gave the report from February 2nd through the 24th -- 11 removals, 9 in-house and 2 outside vendor. 115 small trims on Locust and London Plane. There were also 26 stumps removed - 16 in-house and 10 very big ones that we have to get outside quotes on the removals.

Update on Budget

The final amended budget goes to Council on March 7th for final approval for one additional new hire.

Tree Survey Update Plans for Summer

Dan Ledyard completed some inspections. He is focused on the older part of town. It's going to take some time to look at the whole city. He is updating tree tracker as he inspects a specific homeowner's concerns, but at the same time, is looking at the neighboring homes as well.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kali Sawaya will be starting her Sophomore year at the Tree City Academy. She had homework she needed help with from the Commission members and asked several questions about trees and we had to rank them.