

Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission

Meeting Held May 1, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Scott Kirby.

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance: Scott Kirby, Mark Easterling, Rob Ross, Dan Ledyard, Kali Sawaya, Michael Deal, Christine Ardley and Jim Hagen.

APPROVAL OF MAY 1, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Kali Sawaya made the motion to approve the May 1, 2023 minutes and Michael Deal second the motion. All in favor (8-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Bradford Tree Discussion - Rob Ross

We need to communicate and educate the community on the invasive species of Bradford Pear Trees. Scott Kirby said they are late leaf droppers and very easy to split.

OLD BUSINESS

City Wide Brush Pick Up

Rob Ross reported that we tracked our loads and we will double check these numbers with Renewed Outdoors. We will report these numbers next month.

Arbor Day Update and Review

Rob Ross thanked Jim Hagen for his hard work as he stepped up and volunteered to chair this event. Everything went well despite the weather. Posters will be put up mid week for a week or so. Jim Hagen will pick up the banners and get them back to the students before school ends for the year.

Review Tree City USA Presentation - Greg Kuhr

Dan Ledyard will be making the presentation at the Tree City USA Awards celebration. Stephanie Miller, ODNR Urban Forester will send him the presentation to review.

Northwest Ohio Tree City USA Awards Celebration

The following Street Tree Commission members will be attending the Awards celebration on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 in Wauseon, Ohio: Greg Kuhr, Dan Ledyard, Scott Kirby, Christine Ardley, Jim Hagen, Mark Easterling and Kali Sawaya. If anyone needs a ride, be at the Department of Public Service by 8:30 a.m.

Winter Pruning Plans

It was decided that this category will be removed as a separate line item and will be included in the pruning/removals report.

Prunings/Removals Report

There were 12 removals and 5 trimmings done by the city crews. Lighter numbers this month due to brush pick up. Seven stumps were removed by a contractor.

Update on Budget

Nothing to report.

Review Budget and Make Recommendation to Administration

No changes now.

Review the Street Tree Commission Ordinance

We will review this next month.

OTHER BUSINESS

Oak Bend Church is wondering what happened to the street trees they had along the right-of-way by their property. They have extended their parking lot and will be adding a few street trees. We will check out what happened to these trees - accident or were they Ash trees?

Jim Hagen commented on the tree trimming that was done at Woodlands Park. He believes our crews may need help with how to trim the trees. Dan Ledyard commented that he had been working with three of the city employees to get them trained and more help was added to the crew to be out there to help with the trimming and this is not their regular job. Dan Ledyard said it was not a uniform trim. Someone suggested we find an instructor to come in and teach our guys the art of trimming, but Scott Kirby suggested that Dan Ledyard do the first training.