

Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission

Meeting Held June 5, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Christine Ardley, Vice-Chair.

ROLL CALL

Those present: Christine Ardley, Jim Hagen, Rob Ross, Mike Deal, Kali Sawaya, Dan Ledyard and Mark Easterling.

Those absent: Scott Kirby and Greg Kuhr.

APPROVAL OF MAY 1, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Kali Sawaya made the motion to approve the May 1, 2023 meeting minutes and Jim Hagen second the motion. All in favor (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Plans for Insecticide Treatments, if any, for Select Street Trees

Rob Ross stated that we treat City street trees that are Ash trees every year. TruGreen is the contractor for this year's treatment. Locust street trees were treated by Scott Kirby who quoted the work. This will be ongoing.

Pick Date for Next Meeting (plan around July 4th)

Monday, July 10th due to the holiday. The Commission will also be meeting on Monday, July 24th at 9:00 a.m. with Stephanie Miller, Urban Forester to help Kali Sawaya with her project for Tree City Academy.

USDA Grant Opportunity

A side committee met per Kali Sawaya. This grant opportunity is to serve under-served communities. Kali Sawaya presented ideas to work with the Township and City. The deadline date was quick but we didn't really qualify. Will keep an eye on this. Poised for money now that we have an Urban Forester. Jim Hagen expressed to Dan Ledyard that the Commission members may offer to form a smaller committee to work on these types of grants/opportunities under Dan Ledyard's direction.

July Master Planning with Stephanie Miller (DNR)

Mark Easterling suggested Five Pointe Villas to be the area as well as Coventry Point Plats 3&4. Paper street map with colored pencils and the plan for the future. Dan Ledyard would have this plan. Stephanie Miller has all the master plans and Jim Hagen and Christine Ardley has information. Dan Ledyard and Greg Kuhr to meet and see what they have and to reach out to Nathan Sommers.

OLD BUSINESS

City Wide Brush Pick Up

Dan Ledyard said it went well. Compost was available and we will drop off mulch as we trim trees throughout the year.

Review Tree City USA Presentation

Dan Ledyard felt the presentation went well. The video was well received.

Interesting to hear how other communities reach out or earn money through donations or grant monies. Northwood is asking for money from city residents to help with the new area at the old Woodville Mall site. For Perrysburg, there is a risk of asking for money since we already charge residents. Jim Hagen mentioned the arboretum area and Rob Ross suggested the uptown ADA.

Northwest Ohio Tree City USA Awards Celebration

Dan Ledyard and Scott Kirby were winners of prizes and all went well.

Pruning/Removals Report

Dan Ledyard reported 14 removals, 27 trims, 10 stumps and 3 plantings were completed this month.

Review the Street Tree Commission Ordinance

Planning & Zoning will be updating their code and will include ours with theirs. Rob Ross mentioned that we need to remove Operations Manager and replace it with Urban Forester. Need to ask if we can increase the penalty section on what to fine the resident. Need to research the cost to the city for the tree, planting, man-hours, etc. Kali Sawaya suggested that we earn money through donations or grant monies. We would need to add this to the ordinance.

Discussion on having two sub-committees: one for grants and the other for ordinances. Rob Ross will check into the Sunshine Law on these sub-committees.

OTHER BUSINESS

We will devote time at the next meeting to reviewing the ordinances.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. with a motion made by Kali Sawaya and second by Dan Ledyard - all in favor (6-0). Mike Deal left at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Ivan

Administrative Assistant

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10th - moved because of the Independence Day holiday.