

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

December 6, 2021

Chairman Scott Kirby called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Members present: Scott Kirby, Christine Ardley, Greg Kuhr, Susan Rowland Miller, Jim Hagen, Kali Sawaya, Rob Ross and Mark Easterling (late).

Visitor: Judy Hagen, Program Coordinator for Keep Perrysburg Beautiful.

We reviewed minutes from the November 1st meeting. Susan Rowland Miller made the motion to approve the minutes as is and Scott Kirby second the motion and all were in favor (7-0).

TREE CITY USA RECERTIFICATION AND GROWTH AWARD APPLICATION – DUE DECEMBER 3RD

Everything has been submitted per Greg Kuhr.

CITY-WIDE LEAF PICK UP

Rob Ross stated we have had 372 loads of leaves dumped (20 cubic yards) at Renewed Outdoors. At this point, we are more than halfway finished on the final sweep. Leaf removal options will be posted on the website and social media and an article to be printed in the Perrysburg Messenger Journal.

WINTER PRUNING PLANS

After residential leaf pick up is completed, city crews will clean up in the parks and then they will be back to tree trimming throughout the winter months according to Greg Kuhr.

STREET TREE WATER BAG DOOR HANGER

Kali Sawaya shared her comments with everyone and some discussion ensued. Judy Hagen said we need to educate the community and we want to hold them responsible. If the resident is not watering the new tree and it dies, the City will not replace it.

Kali Sawaya offered to draft up what we hope to be the final write-up for the door hanger and she will bring it to the January meeting. We will then review it one more time and then get it off to the printer.

WEBSITE SUGGESTIONS

Judy Hagen reported that she gave all the suggestions for changes to the Street Tree information to Nathan Sommers (IT department). He is working on getting the changes made.

Kali Sawaya mentioned that positive posts on facebook, possibly monthly, could be helpful to educate the community.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

Greg Kuhr said city crews have been working on leaf pick up so not much to report other than picking up a few street tree limbs here and there. The contracted trees have been removed and two locations still need to be stumped – 505 Elm and 549 East Fifth. Once crews get back out there, we will remove a few trees that we are aware of.

FALL PLANTING UPDATE

No start date given to us yet from North Branch Nursery. There are a few less trees to plant as resident's are changing their minds.

NORTH BRANCH NURSERY PRICE INCREASE

This is a projected increase – nothing final at this time.

STREET TREE COMMISSION REPORT

In past years, we prepared a report and Scott spoke at a Council meeting and then all Council members received a hard copy. This report was then used for our Tree City application. On the Tree City application, they now prefer that we download our monthly meeting minutes. We will check with our charter to see if this is something we need to continue.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tree to be planted at Three Meadows Park in honor of Don Lieder and his 30 year tenure on Perrysburg Street Tree Commission. Once planted, we need to reach out to the family to let them know the species and where it is planted.

Judy Hagen passed out a copy for everyone on the Record Retention Schedule. Reminded all members to keep a copy of their meeting minutes, any emails they send or receive and this schedule in their notebooks.

Greg Kuhr wanted to share some fun facts:

- Tree planting – 283 (trees we planted or through community projects). Last year's amount was 316 (due to the Caterpillar project)
- Pruned 931 up from 843 last year
- Removed 166 up from 87 last year

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m. with Susan Rowland Miller making the motion and Kali Sawaya seconding the motion and all in favor (8-0).

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Service conference room.

Debbie Ivan

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