

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

November 4, 2019

Chairman Scott Kirby called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

Members present: Scott Kirby, Jim Hagen, Christine Ardley, Rob Ross and Bob Zak.

Not present: Greg Kuhr and Mark Easterling.

Honorary Member: Don Lieder.

Visitors: Judy Hagen, Program Coordinator for Keep Perrysburg Beautiful and Jon Eckel, Assistant to the City Administrator.

We reviewed minutes from the October 7th meeting. Jim Hagen noted a typographical correction to be made under Old Business, first item should read “this” not “his” and Bob Zak second it. All in favor (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS

STAKES AND ANY WRAPPING (PIPE) FROM PREVIOUS YEARS’ PLANTINGS SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR REMOVAL

Rob Ross said he would give Greg Kuhr a reminder to do this since he is not in attendance.

STREET TREE COMMISSION REPORT

Scott Kirby will write up the report and Greg Kuhr needs to supply him with some information from the Tree City USA application information. Then the report will be sent to Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator.

OLD BUSINESS

SITE PLANS AND PRELIMINARY PLATS

Nothing more has been done. Jim Hagen asked if members can come to our office to look over the lists of trees we are working from for future plantings. Judy Hagen responded yes, members can do this. We are following what was taught through the Tree Commission Academy.

TREE SURVEY UPDATE

Once the purchase order comes back, we can get started on adding the new 800+ trees. We have removed all of the immediate removals on our Street Tree Inventory list.

FALL PLANTING UPDATE

Greg Kuhr and Judy Hagen are out staking trees. There are 118 total plantings scheduled. North Branch will begin planting in December.

WINTER PRUNING UPDATE

City crews finished up South Ridge and we are now in Horseshoe Bend. Woods Tree Service removed a few trees.

904 SHEARWOOD DRIVE – 2 REMOVALS AND REPLACEMENTS -- SPRING 2020

We will follow-up with this in April, 2020.

VOLCANO MULCH REMEDIATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Obviously, the tags did not fix our issue. There has been a lot of discussion about our next steps. Meet with business owners and landscape companies, articles in the BuzzBook, Sentinel, Perrysburg Messenger Journal, hang banner on 3/16/20, sticky notes on mulch bags that the high school Lacrosse team sells, 1 on 1 workshops and we could focus on volcano mulching again for Arbor Day. The city now has a Public Information Officer – could possibly involve her in getting the word out.

Christine Ardley asked how hard would it be to have landscape companies be licensed? Scott Kirby suggests that another letter be sent to the businesses explaining if not fixed, these trees will die. Another suggestion was to model it like the lawn/weed nuisance program. Jim Hagen suggested that we have a “live” model at the Way library to show what volcano mulching does to a tree. Rob Ross said he would set up a meeting with Bridgette Kabat, Tom Mackin and Laura Alkire to decide our next steps. Judy Hagen will give Scott Kirby addresses of five places for him to calculate the value of trees so Rob Ross has information to take with him when he meets with management.

TREE CITY USA RECERTIFICATION AND GROWTH AWARD

We are working on the two application forms and the deadline is December 6th.

VACANCY TO FILL ON THE COMMISSION

Jim Hagen said a name was given at the Service Committee meeting but he was not present to answer questions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Hagen attended an air spade demonstration. He said it was a good demo and thought that if the city would purchase an air spade we could use it on volcano remediation and save time and money.

Bob Zak sent an email to Stephanie Miller, Urban Forester, regarding the satellite reception issue we had to address. He has not received an answer yet but will share it when he does.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m. The date for the next meeting is **MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**

Debbie Ivan, Recording Secretary

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