

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

October 7, 2019

Vice Chairman Bob Zak called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Members present: Jim Hagen, Mark Easterling, Rob Ross, Bob Zak and Greg Kuhr.

Not present: Christine Ardley and Scott Kirby.

Honorary Member: Don Lieder.

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

We reviewed minutes from the September 9th meeting. Bob Zak made a motion to approve the minutes as is and Greg Kuhr second it. All in favor (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS

TREE CITY USA RECERTIFICATION AND GROWTH AWARD

Greg Kuhr received an email stating that they have a new format to follow and it should be ready soon. If we have any questions or problems with it, feel free to call and ask for help.

CITY WIDE LEAF PICK UP BEGINS – OCTOBER 21

The City-wide leaf collection begins on Monday, October 21st on the west side of town.

WINTER PRUNING PLANS DISCUSSED

Greg Kuhr says we will be pruning this winter. Hoping we have a mild winter. We will be concentrating on Horseshoe Bend and a neighborhood clean-up on Pheasant Run.

VACANCY TO FILL ON THE COMMISSION

Debbie Ivan sent an email to Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, advising her of Tony Kucic's resignation. She responded by saying the Mayor and the Mayor's secretary will work on getting the vacancy filled. Jim Hagen asked if we could put an article in the Perrysburg Messenger Journal explaining what the Street Tree Commission does and that we are looking for a member. Our meeting time could limit availability of residents.

POSSIBLE STREET TREE REMOVAL OR TOPPED OFF – 11790 ECKEL JUNCTION

Greg Kuhr explained to the Commission that this resident has contacted him asking that we remove a street tree that is blocking the reception to his satellite. Jim Hagen and Rob Ross both said the dish appears to be pointed at his neighbor's tree. The tree has already been topped. The consensus of the Commission is to deny the request to remove or top the street tree because it is felt that all remedies of this situation have not been exhausted other than removal of the tree. All in favor (5-0). Bob Zak said he will email Stephanie Miller, the Urban Forester for ODNR, and ask her if other communities have come across this issue and how did they handle it. It was also decided that at a future meeting we need to set up a standard response.

OLD BUSINESS

STREET TREE WORK PERMIT – 537 TONBRIDGE

Greg Kuhr approved the street tree work permit and reconfirmed two trees at his address and one tree at the neighbors (529 Tonbridge).

SITE PLANS AND PRELIMINARY PLATS

Copies we handed out to all Commission members:

- Perrysburg First United Methodist Church – Northwest corner of property on West Second Street side is the only available spot to plant a tree per Greg Kuhr. The existing tree is a Honeylocust.
- Mayle Law office – Mark Easterling said that three (3) trees need to be planted. Greg Kuhr said if we plant any trees they will have to go behind the multi-use path. There are wires and the right-of-way is a small area to plant trees. Greg Kuhr will drive by and check to see if we could plant along Roachton Road.
- Yark Chevrolet, LLC – There is a drainage swale the length of the property, says Greg Kuhr. We need to be careful when choosing the type of trees to be planted here because of the road salt and wet feet. Mark Easterling said 13 trees along Dixie Highway is what is proposed.
- Rivers Edge Senior Living Development & Harbor Town Townhomes – Judy Hagen said we can't decide anything today as we need more detailed information. There are no street names, more detail needed for distance, cul-de-sacs. No driveways shown on plan. Mark Easterling will provide more details next month.

TREE SURVEY UPDATE

Tree survey is a go. The Purchase Order is in process.

FALL PLANTING UPDATE

Letters are to be sent to the residences that will be receiving a street tree this fall.

904 SHEARWOOD DRIVE – 2 REMOVALS AND REPLACEMENTS

Mark Easterling advised that the resident will be removing and replacing the trees in the Spring of 2020.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

Greg Kuhr reported the following: Woods Tree Service removed 10 trees and trimmed two. The City crews trimmed 16 trees on South Ridge, trimmed the alleys that run east/west and one tree on East Boundary as well as removed five trees on Rutledge.

VOLCANO MULCH REMEDIATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Jim Hagen and Bob Zak will be removing the tags from the street trees.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m. The date for the next meeting is **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**

Debbie Ivan, Recording Secretary

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