

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

October 5, 2020

Chairman Scott Kirby called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Members present: Scott Kirby, Christine Ardley, Phil Walton, Greg Kuhr, Robert Zak, Jim Hagen, Rob Ross and Mark Easterling (late).

Honorary Member: Don Lieder.

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

We reviewed minutes from the September 10, 2020 meeting. Bob Zak made the motion to approve the minutes as is and Scott Kirby second the motion and all were in favor (7-0).

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we met in City Council Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

CITY WIDE LEAF PICK UP – BEGINS MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA – should read City Wide Leaf Pick Up not City Wide Brush Pick Up.

Fall leaf collection information sheet was distributed. This notice will be on the city web page, Facebook and in the Perrysburg Messenger Journal. The committee decided that landscape companies did not need a separate letter with information about leaf collection as there will be three different locations for this information dissemination.

POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR STREET TREE COMMISSION

Scott Kirby has notified Elaine Pantorno that he would like to be reappointed for another term on the commission. Phil Walton had contacted Elaine Pantorno last month saying he would not like to be reappointed as it is not a good fit for him. He will finish out until the end of the year.

FALL PLANTING UPDATE

Greg Kuhr reported on the 2020 fall tree planting which includes a possible 204 locations. These plans will be finalized later this week with lists going out for bid.

TREE SURVEY UPDATE

The tree inventory was updated to include the 800 trees that were planted since the original tree survey.

110 PARTRIDGE – NUISANCE TREE

The nuisance tree at 110 Partridge Lane was discussed. The City will be removing this tree due to the utilities in the surrounding area. The resident has been contacted and the replacement would not be until 2021.

ARBOR DAY PROGRESS - JUDY HAGEN

The Mayor needs to make a proclamation about Arbor Day for the Tree City USA requirements. The commission needs two more meetings in 2020 to meet the annual requirement. The November and December meetings will complete this requirement.

WINTER PRUNING UPDATE

Greg Kuhr reported that crews had pruned 78 trees in Hunter Run. Y-T-D, 802 trees have been pruned with most stump work completed from removals. Feedback from residents in the areas pruned has been positive. Robert Zak asked about pruning in alleys. Greg Kuhr responded that alleys were pruned in 2019 and no real issues have occurred this year. Notices have been sent to residents that have overgrown bushes in the alleys. Site obstructions and requests from school bus drivers are addressed as they are received. Pruning will continue as weather permits.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

Woods Tree Service has removed eight trees from the recent wind storm damage. Two trees, one by 577 Foundation and the other at 560 Oak Knoll were also removed by Woods Tree Service.

VOLCANO MULCH REMEDIATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Jim Hagen brought up the situation of the volcano mulched trees at Huntington Bank on Sandusky and asked if it could be remediated. Rob Ross stated the City does not want to fine people for volcano mulching at this time. Scott Kirby stated that the cost of equipment would be \$1,500 and the use of heavy duty air compressor. If the remediation was completed by a commercial company, the cost would be approximately \$200 per tree. As there are six trees at Huntington Bank, the air spade would pay for itself on just that one project.

Judy Hagen suggested that half of the affected trees be remediate and the other half left to serve as a before and after for the visual impact of what volcano mulching is. Another location for this could be in front of Rite Aid. Rob Ross stated that DOPS will work with Shannon Solt to work on including this on Facebook and the City web page. Scott Kirby suggested that the landscape companies that maintain those two sites be included during the actual remediation work to learn about the consequences of volcano mulching.

TREE CITY USA RECERTIFICATION AND GROWTH AWARD

Greg Kuhr stated that we just received the forms for the 2020 Tree City and Growth Award and will be completing them for the December 2nd deadline.

904 SHEARWOOD DRIVE – LINDA DEICHERT

The trees have been removed at 904 Shearwood Drive, stumps are gone but the restoration of the area has not been completed. The resident has paid for the two replacement trees. Linda Deichert wanted a small tree but the commission said the site called for a large tree. She did not like the big tree option and has not made her decision on the suggested large tree options that were offered.

STREET TREE COMMISSION REPORT – SCOTT KIRBY

Scott Kirby will be working with Greg Kuhr next week on completing the yearly commission report.

SITE PLANS AND PRELIMINARY PLATS 2019 – MARK EASTERLING

Mark Easterling stated he had just emailed the plot maps for Coventry Place and Rivers Edge Senior Residences to DOPS this morning. Street tree permits for Coventry Place are being issued with tree requirements calculated on linear footage with species TBD.

OTHER BUSINESS

Judy Hagen distributed DOPS newsletter topic suggestions for 2021 with past topics from 2018-2020.

Greg Kuhr asked Mark Easterling if he would check if the street trees could be planted behind the sidewalk at Yark because the R-O-W is a drainage swale. Mark Easterling will check. If the trees cannot be planted behind the sidewalk, the street trees fees will be refunded.

Members of the commission who participated in the ODNr webinars shared their thoughts:

- Robert Zak – safety first session brought up the idea of reminding crews before they leave to be mindful of safety. Rob Ross mentioned that the city is possibly looking at a Safety Officer for the City.
- Greg Kuhr thought the EAB was disappointing and was no new information. Ash trees he sees around the city are still looking well with the treatment. Scott Kirby agreed with that assessment.
- Christine Ardley remarked about the persistence of the Callery Pear and how hard it is to remove it and keep it from re-growth.
- All participants were disappointed in the quality of the video.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m. The date for the next meeting is **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.**

Judy Hagen for
Debbie Ivan, Recording Secretary

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