

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

September 10, 2018

Chairman Scott Kirby called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Members present: Christine Ardley, Jim Hagen, Mark Easterling, Greg Kuhr, Scott Kirby and Tony Kucic.

Members absent: Bob Zak and Jon Eckel.

Honorary Member: Don Lieder.

Visitor: Judy Hagen, Office of Litter Prevention.

We reviewed minutes from the August 6th meeting. Tony Kucic made a motion to approve the minutes as is and Jim Hagen second it. All in favor (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

ODNR FALL SEMINAR – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018 TOLEDO MUSEUM OF ART

Need to get the check and registration in for this seminar as quickly as possible – taking the first 200 people. There is an early bird price savings of \$8.00 per person. Everyone attending the meeting was able to respond and we will email those not in attendance so we can get the reservation in.

OLD BUSINESS

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

There was a total of 14 trimming projects throughout the City at the following locations: East Fifth Street, Riverwood Court, East Indiana, Aspen Drive and Wolf Creek Court. We also removed three storm damage hangers, trimmed branches back in school zones and had 29 tree removals. All went well.

FALL PLANTING UPDATE

Greg Kuhr and Judy Hagen were out checking sites to see what is ready for planting. They had 38 resident requests which 35 are marginal and marked for re-check as well as 64 new builds and one commercial.

Mosaic planted their own street trees and Greg Kuhr needs to re-check to make sure they followed the plan.

AAA has 10 trees marked.

VOLCANO MULCH REMEDIATION PROGRAM/HARRISON RALLY DAY

At our booth at Harrison Rally Day, we will kick off to the residents why not to volcano mulch and how to remediate the situation. A brochure will be available explaining the process. There will be a word search for kids, a hands-on mulching project for adults and a video that Scott Kirby did on

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air spading. The resident will then be given a voucher for a free "volcano" sundae at O'Deer Diner good for Harrison Rally Day only.

OTHER BUSINESS

402 EAST FRONT & MAPLE STREET – BLACK LOCUST STREET TREES

Jon Eckel, Greg Kuhr and Brody Walters received an email from the resident asking for the removal of the Locust trees along the west border of her home (along Maple Street) as they are all well past their prime, drop branches all the time and have been pruned multiple times at their expense, to try and cut down on the dead wood and rot.

They would like the City to remove the Locust street trees and they will pay to have new, substantial sized trees planted in the tree lawn. She has spoken to Scott Kirby who could obtain Maple trees and has expressed this request to Jon Eckel and Greg Kuhr previously. She is willing to provide detail if something more needs to be done to make this happen.

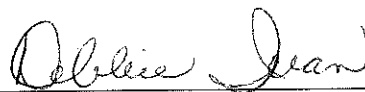
Jim Hagen asked if we should contact the media regarding our volcano mulch kickoff. He also believes it is beneficial that we let the Mayor and/or City Council know this as well. Scott Kirby offered to set up an appointment with the Mayor and explain what the problem is with volcano mulching and how the Street Tree Commission members will be hanging tags on street trees that have volcano mulching. The tags will explain how to remediate and why it is bad for the street tree. Scott Kirby thinks we should repeat this process in the Spring as residents begin planting.

Mark Easterling offered to help continue this effort once we have had our initial kick off. He will take a stack of tags and when Planning & Zoning are out inspecting they could also hang a tag on the street trees that are volcano mulched.

We will plan our strategy at the October meeting. May want to print an article in the Perrysburg Messenger Journal, give a copy of the article to Elaine for Facebook and Twitter and to Nathan for the website.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m. The date for the next meeting is **MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**



Debbie Ivan, Recording Secretary

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