

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

September 9, 2019

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

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

Not present: Tony Kucic and Greg Kuhr.

Honorary Member: Don Lieder.

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

We reviewed minutes from the August 5th meeting. Christine Ardley made a motion to approve the minutes as is and Scott Kirby second it. All in favor (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

ODNR FALL SEMINAR

There will not be a fall seminar this year due to the extra activities that have and will be taking place all year celebrating the 40th anniversary of the program.

FALL PLANTING UPDATE

Judy Hagen reported that there are 33 resident requests that she and Greg Kuhr will look into.

STREET TREE WORK PERMIT – 537 TONBRIDGE

Mr. Strassner filled out a street tree work permit which everyone received a copy. He is asking for permission to have Envirocare prune, shape, raise and deadwood 3 Linden street trees at his expense. Generally, the City is responsible for the maintenance of the street trees. Rob Ross and Greg Kuhr will go and look at the trees as well as pull the tree inventory and will look at the condition of the trees. Scott Kirby stated that Locust and Linden trees had two growing periods this past year. Jim Hagen asked how will we know for sure that they followed the plan? Judy Hagen responded that Mr. Strassner is owner of Land Art and he as well as Envirocare are reputable. The Commission is looking to Greg Kuhr and Rob Ross to make the determination.

OLD BUSINESS

TREE SURVEY UPDATE PLANS FOR SUMMER

Ben Askren, Askren Municipal Forestry, LLC, came and gave us the quote which is more than we have budgeted. Discussed the possibility of doing part of the inventory this year and part next year. They are unable to do any work for us until October of this year. Bob Zak said we should approach City Council and ask for more money. Jim Hagen said we should start on the east side

of town (SR25 and east) and get these trees evaluated. Scott Kirby wanted to know if we could put off the new subdivisions until next year. Judy Hagen said Willowbend, Carrington and Crandenbrook has large mature trees and we need to follow the inventory for the mature trees to be pruned. We can't really choose east side versus west side. We will need to check it out.

904 SHEARWOOD DRIVE – 2 REMOVALS AND REPLACEMENTS

Mark Easterling sent the Commission an email dated 8/12/19 stating that he was mistaken during the July meeting in saying that the Street Tree Commission denied the residents' request to have the trees removed. In actuality she was told that she could not remove them completely. At her cost she could pay to have the trees removed but prior to doing so she must fill out permits and pay to have the trees replaced. The Commission would have to select the trees that are replacing the two that are coming down.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

Greg Kuhr was not in attendance to report but tree trimming has begun.

VOLCANO MULCH REMEDIATION PROGRAM UPDATE

What is the next step? Mark Easterling said money talks. We need to show city residents that they are damaging infrastructure and we need to show them the costs that are associated with the trees. He said from a zoning perspective, the homeowner is responsible.

We took the first step and sent letters to everyone – homeowners and commercial. We can educate everyone using our new Public Information Officer. She puts out information weekly.

Another good step would be to make it mandatory and have a licensing workshop. We can educate on how we want mulching done on the street trees. Charge them \$10.00 and give them a sticker.

Possibly rent a sign to run an ad on it asking residents not to volcano mulch. Mark Easterling will check out the legal ramifications (the size, setback). The City can put items in the right-of-way. The sign runs 7 seconds minimal with no moving pictures. Could possibly put in the gateways. We could also contact the schools, Walt Churchills Market, the fire station and any others we can think of and ask if they would put the ad on their signs too. Rob Ross said he would check with administration to see what they think about this.

Judy Hagen reported that we will continue to educate the public at Harrison Rally Day on Saturday, September 21st. Kicked some ideas around as to what we want to do and it was decided to show a dying and dead tree due to volcano mulching and hand out stickers explaining how volcano mulching will kill your trees and the proper way to mulch. Judy Hagen said she only had pencils to hand out but may be able to do something with suckers. She will use the sign from last year. Be sure to wear your green shirts and the booth will be at the corner of Ray's again. Christine Ardley can come at 11:00 and stay til the end; Scott Kirby can work 9:00-11:00; Bob Zak will start at 9:00 and Jim Hagen will be there all day.

SITE PLANS AND PRELIMINARY PLATS

Mark Easterling gave the following site plans and locations for street trees. They are: First United Methodist Church at Second and Walnut adding a patio, Rivers Edge Senior Living Development, Harbortown Town Homes, Yark Chevrolet, Coventry Point and Mayle Law Offices. Judy Hagen will take these locations and determine the types and numbers of the trees that need to be planted. She will share this information with us at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tony Kucic has resigned. He came in before the meeting and spoke with Rob Ross and Greg Kuhr. His family and work have been very busy and he is not able to give this Commission 100%.

Judy Hagen will be giving a presentation on “Trash It or Recycle It” at the Way Public Library on September 16th at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m. The date for the next meeting is **MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**

Debbie Ivan, Recording Secretary

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