

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

August 6, 2018

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

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

Honorary Member: Don Lieder.

Visitor: Judy Hagen, Office of Litter Prevention.

We reviewed minutes from the July 2nd meeting. Bob Zak made a motion to approve the minutes as is and Scott Kirby second it. All in favor (8-0).

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR STREET TREE COMMISSION. SOME MAY BE THINKING OF PASSING THE BATON IN THE FUTURE

We have a full commission. No one indicated they were thinking of not returning. Bob Zak and Jim Hagen's terms are up this December.

BEGIN DISCUSSION OF FALL PLANTING. HOW LONG IS THE TREE REQUEST LIST/ARE THERE GATEWAYS OR OTHER AREAS IN THE CITY THAT COULD USE TREES/MAKE SURE TREE DIVERSITY IS PART OF DISCUSSION

Fall planting is underway. Judy Hagen handed out graphs showing 211 permits for trees but all may not be ready for planting. Greg Kuhr will need to go and check all these locations. Jon Eckel commended Greg Kuhr and Judy Hagen for keeping on top of these. It is quite a project.

REVIEW BUDGET ITEMS FOR NEXT YEAR

Jon Eckel has completed the budget and turned it in. Jim Hagen asked if we have ever requested a piece of equipment from the Street Tree account. Jon Eckel said any equipment is requested through the Parks budget.

OLD BUSINESS

STREET TREE PLAN FOR THE WAFFLE HOUSE

This street tree plan has finally been approved. Due to the limited space available they are to plant one Green Mountain Sugar Maple tree in the cul-de-sac. Jon Eckel made a motion to approve the street tree plan dated 7/31/18 and Scott Kirby second the motion. All in favor 8-0.

STREET TREE PLAN FOR CARRONADE PARK

Mark Easterling stated that the whole project has been denied and needs to be resubmitted.

ANNUAL STREET TREE COMMISSION REPORT

Jon Eckel said we are going to move this report to November because much of the information we gather comes from the Tree City USA & Growth Award applications.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

Total removals which include stumping and planting grass was 37 street trees. We also pruned 29 street trees. School zones and crosswalks will be trimmed up this next week and then once school starts we will get school bus reports.

VOLCANO MULCH REMEDIATION PROGRAM

Reviewed the letter and made a few corrections. Once the letters go out, they will be followed up a week or so later with a phone call to see if they did receive the letter and if they have any questions. This mailing is to go only to commercial companies.

For residential properties we will kick it off at Harrison Rally Day. There will be a banner and a coupon for a free volcano sundae at O'Deer Diner as well as Street Tree Commission members to answer questions and explain why volcano mulching is bad for trees.

FRONT & LOCUST STREET – BLACK LOCUST STREET TREES

Jon Eckel and Greg Kuhr inspected these trees again and found no site obstruction. They are healthy approved street trees. The City will not approve the removal of these trees.

APPROVED LETTER TO DEVELOPERS FOR NEW STREET TREE PLAN PROCEDURE

Jon Eckel mentioned he received a few positive calls from the letter that was sent out on July 25, 2018.

OTHER BUSINESS

Judy Hagen asked Scott Kirby if he would like to do a video on air spading. He said he would be happy to do that.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m. The date for the next meeting is **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

Debbie Ivan, Recording Secretary

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