

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

August 5, 2019

Committee member Christine Ardley called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

Members present: Don Lieder, Jim Hagen, Greg Kuhr, Christine Ardley, Mark Easterling, Rob Ross and Jon Eckel.

Not present: Scott Kirby, Bob Zak and Tony Kucic.

Honorary Member: Don Lieder.

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

We reviewed minutes from the July 1st meeting. Jim Hagen made a motion to approve the minutes as is and Mark Easterling second it. All in favor (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCE NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Jon Eckel introduced Rob Ross, the new Director of Public Service. Rob will be replacing Jon on the Street Tree Commission. Jon has accepted a new position in the City as Assistant to City Administrator.

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

No ideas of any individuals but will keep it in mind.

BEGIN DISCUSSION OF FALL PLANTINGS. HOW LONG IS THE TREE REQUEST LIST? ARE THERE GATEWAYS OR OTHER AREAS IN THE CITY THAT COULD USE TREES?

Best guess there are 15-20 requests for trees. There are 146 permits taken out from developers for plantings. These will be looked at by us before anything is decided. Gateways are in good shape per Jon Eckel and Judy Hagen. There will be new signage for the Diverging Diamond Interchange coming soon and we should do something to make it look pretty.

Childrens Discovery Center volcano mulched street trees and one has died per Judy Hagen. Christine Ardley said a street tree at 617 Locust is dead and they never watered it. We will remove.

REVIEW BUDGET ITEMS FOR NEXT YEAR

Per Jon Eckel, the budget is a good balance. He suggests that we keep watch on incoming and outgoing expenditures. We had 265 Ash trees treated this year and most are doing well.

WHOSE TERMS ARE UP? WOULD THEY LIKE TO SERVE ANOTHER TERM?

Christine Ardley's term is up and she would like to be reappointed for another term.

OLD BUSINESS

TREE SURVEY UPDATE PLANS FOR SUMMER

Greg Kuhr received the proposal -- \$46,000.00. Since 2010 to current they need to add 800+ trees to the inventory. This inventory does not include the park trees. The inventory is a great road map. Jon Eckel and Rob Ross will look at the budget from 2019-2020 to make sure there is money there for us to do the update to the inventory.

904 SHEARWOOD DRIVE – 2 REMOVALS AND REPLACEMENTS

Debbie Ivan will send to Mark Easterling all correspondence so he can check it out. Mark Easterling will report at next meeting.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

Greg Kuhr reported we have been very busy this month. City crews removed 2 hangers (1 on E. 6th and 1 on W. 7th). They also trimmed street trees on Applewood Ct, Bridgeview and Redhawk as well as 2 obstructions on Ottekee/Mingo and Mingo/Nawash. We removed street trees at: Sandalwood Road, East Indiana, Mohawk, Watermill, Lexington, Birchcrest (2), Laurel Lane, Whitehall, Blue Jacket, Osage Court and W. Front Street.

Woods Tree Service removed a tree on E.S. Boundary as well as E. Fifth and trimmed another at this address. They also trimmed a street tree on Locust and Bexley.

VOLCANO MULCH REMEDIATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Judy Hagen sent out letters to all residential and commercial businesses who have street trees volcano mulched. It was a bust! Jon Eckel said he would help Judy Hagen and get her on the Service Committee agenda to see what we can do to make fines happen.

Some tags are still on street trees and some have been removed. We discussed what to do and it was decided to keep them up for now. We will have a table at Harrison Rally Day and will showcase volcano mulching again. Jim Hagen had an idea that maybe we could have a display showing root damage, expenditures, etc.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mark Easterling reported that probably in October we will have six street tree plans to review. They are mostly commercial street tree plans.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m. The date for the next meeting is **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**

Debbie Ivan, Recording Secretary

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