

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

August 2, 2021

Chairman Scott Kirby called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Members present: Scott Kirby, Christine Ardley, Rob Ross, Kali Sawaya, Greg Kuhr, Susan Rowland Miller and Mark Easterling.

Member absent: Jim Hagen.

Honorary Member: Don Lieder.

We reviewed minutes from the June 7, 2021 meeting. Scott Kirby made the motion to approve the minutes as is and Greg Kuhr second the motion and all were in favor (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

DEPENDING UPON WEATHER CONDITIONS, DISCUSS WATERING OF PREVIOUS TWO YEARS' FALL PLANTINGS

Watering bags are on the trees but residents are not filling the bags especially the newest plantings per Mark Easterling. Mark Easterling would like to see us print up a reminder door tag which he would be happy to hang when he sees the bag empty.

1066 LOCUST STREET – 2 NUISANCE CRABAPPLE TREES

Greg Kuhr reported that these trees have been removed.

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? MAKE SURE TREE DIVERSITY IS PART OF DISCUSSION.

Greg Kuhr said the list will vary with special permits and replacements. Right now we have 138 permits for trees. We still have 3 locations that we need to get numbers on for our planting list but have to wait until September to get those. Mark Easterling said that Oak Bend Church plans are coming soon as well as Coventry Point Plat 2. In September, we will begin looking closer at the numbers and species.

REVIEW BUDGET ITEMS FOR NEXT YEAR

Rob Ross touched on this. We removed quite a few dying street trees last year and we plan to do this again in 2022. The current sidewalk program is addressing sidewalks that have been adversely affected by street trees or sewer lines. We just completed our first wave of budget meetings.

Mark Easterling asked if a resident doesn't maintain their new street tree, can they get a new one? Opinion is only if they pay for it.

OLD BUSINESS

SUMMERFIELD TOWN HOMES STREET TREE PLAN

Mark Easterling said that the numbers are adjusted now that they are adding the driveways.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

Greg Kuhr's report is for the months of June and July. Woods Tree Service removed 10 street trees (Hood park right-of-way, 626 Locust, 228 E. 2nd, 115 E. 7th, 402 E. 7th, 409 E. Indiana, 310 Elm, 327 W. 5th, 337 W. 7th and 140 W. Front. They need to finish stumping.

City crews removed 30 street trees, pruned 16 and had 34 stump removals and repairs.

Greg Kuhr is putting together another list to go out to bid. School zones, crosswalks and keeping signs visible is on this month's agenda to get ready for school. Resurfacing areas need to be trimmed as well. City crews will resume pruning back on the west side of town after the above has been taken care of.

SITE PLANS AND PRELIMINARY PLATS 2019

Mark Easterling said we will wait and discuss these locations further at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Locust trees have been seen with a mimosa web worm per Scott Kirby. To detect it, look for a bunch of webbing that makes a mess. He noticed this at Levis Commons as well as by the Water department.

The City has treated a few Oak trees.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m. with Christine Ardley making the motion and Susan Rowland Miller seconding the motion. The date for the next meeting is **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 6th. We will meet at the Department of Public Service Conference Room.**

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