

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

July 2, 2018

Vice Chairman Bob Zak called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

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

Member absent: Tony Kucic.

Honorary Member: Don Lieder.

Visitor: Judy Hagen, Office of Litter Prevention.

We reviewed minutes from the June 4th meeting. Bob Zak made a motion to approve the minutes as is and Christine Ardley second it. All in favor (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

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

Greg Kuhr reported that water bags were placed on the previous two years' plantings and letters were sent to homeowners who received a new tree explaining how to care for the new tree. Greg Kuhr said they work well and none of the bags were damaged or stolen. We will remove the watering bags from trees along SR25 at Riverplace Plaza. They have not filled these bags.

Jim Hagen asked if water bags were put on the trees we just planted. Greg Kuhr responded yes they were and letters will be mailed to the handful of homeowners who just received a tree.

APPROVE LETTER TO DEVELOPERS FOR NEW STREET TREE PLAN PROCEDURE

Jon Eckel handed out a copy of a letter that he prepared to get the commission's approval so we can mail it out to developers and get them on board with the new process. The commission reviewed the letter and Scott Kirby made a motion to accept the letter as is and Bob Zak second the motion. All in favor (7-0).

We will use the formula outlined in the guide that was prepared for the new process. It will help to determine the number of trees to be planted and what the developer needs to be charged for the trees. Our job will be to determine where the trees will be located with the final decision to be made at the time of staking.

OLD BUSINESS

STREET TREE PLAN FOR THE WAFFLE HOUSE

Mark Easterling said that Planning & Zoning will be meeting with the representatives of the Waffle House. Wanted to confirm that they only have 1 Green Mountain Sugar Maple street tree to pay for and that will be planted in the cul-de-sac. Their landscape architect, VanHorn, Hoover and Associates, Inc, will need to resubmit four copies of a street tree plan since this has been opened since February 27, 2017. The plan will need to show 1 Green Mountain Sugar Maple tree in the cul-de-sac and they need to remember to sign the landscape architect seal as well.

STREET TREE PLAN FOR CARRONADE PARK

No update or report.

ANNUAL STREET TREE COMMISSION REPORT

Greg Kuhr and Scott Kirby will sit down in the next few weeks and pull information together.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

Greg Kuhr reported that the following locations had tree removals: 302 East Second – 1 Maple and 1 Elm by Davey Tree Service; 125 Locust – 1 Maple by Davey Tree Service; 300 West Front – 1 Maple; 1029 Pine – 1 White Swamp and 1 Red Maple; 530 East Sixth – 1 Spruce; Mulberry Street creek – 2 removed; Pine Street creek – 2 removed; 971 Hickory – 1 Buckeye and 1 Crab; 285 Edgewood – 1 Serviceberry; Three Meadows Drive and Sandusky – 6-8 small Hawthorns; Ninth & Findlay – 1 Oak removed by Woods Tree Service.

Mingo Drive was pruned by Davey Tree Service and Davey Tree Service will be pruning two Silver Maples on Seventh Street.

Greg Kuhr also mentioned that he has noticed that the pear trees are thinning and Scott Kirby responded that it is root rot. Davey Tree Service has injected some street trees throughout the city for low iron. This may cause the tree to lose leaves but they will come back – just give it a few weeks.

VOLCANO MULCHING

Scott Kirby suggests that we contact the business by letter that have street trees volcano mulched, site the ordinance and explain that we are working to get more longevity out of our urban forest. Jon Eckel does not want any enforcement action taken.

Scott Kirby also thinks we should offer two forums/workshops – one to businesses/landscapers and one to homeowners – and have displays and talk about the effects of volcano mulching.

Talked more about the design of a tag that could be placed on the volcano mulched street trees. A QR code could be put on the tag. Keep it simple and a nice letter to go with it. Explain why it was tagged. The Street Tree Commission members could divide up the city and place the hangars on the volcano mulched street trees. Scott Kirby said he would write an article and we could have it printed in the Perrysburg Messenger Journal. He will write it up and have Judy Hagen review it first.

FRONT & MAPLE STREET – BLACK LOCUST STREET TREES

Jon Eckel and Greg Kuhr said the trees do not look bad. Scott Kirby stated that the homeowner would like the city to pay for the removals and she is willing to replace the trees with large replacements. She thinks the trees are ugly. We are talking five (5) Black Locust street trees and one (1) Maple that was cut up badly by Edison trimming.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bob Zak talked with resident at 140 Pheasant. They have a Black Cherry street tree that they would like removed. Bob looked at it and said it eventually could be removed – a back burner project. He will suggest they call us to trim it up.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m. The date for the next meeting is **MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018** at **10:00 a.m.**

Debbie Ivan, Recording Secretary

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