

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

July 1, 2019

Vice Chairman Bob Zak called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

Members present: Don Lieder, Tony Kucic, Jim Hagen, Bob Zak, Greg Kuhr, Christine Ardley and Jon Eckel.

Not present: Mark Easterling and Scott Kirby.

Honorary Member: Don Lieder

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

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSS PLANS FOR INSECTICIDE TREATMENTS, IF ANY, FOR SELECT STREET TREES

Greg Kuhr spoke to Davey Tree Service and they will continue treating Locust trees at the Way Public Library for the Locust Bore. We will watch the trees at the Fire Station on Indiana Avenue as we might have to treat for mites. EAB treatments have been completed by TruGreen.

TREE SURVEY UPDATE PLANS FOR SUMMER

Jon Eckel told Greg Kuhr that he needs to get ahold of the Tree Tracker company and set up a meeting to discuss updating our inventory. We need to make this happen now. When we meet, we can discuss possible separate line items for root prune, girdling roots, air spading, improper mulching, observation box, etc.

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

Greg Kuhr stated we will be watering these plantings.

POSSIBLE STREET TREE REMOVAL – 479 RUTLEDGE COURT

The resident doesn't like the mess from the tree and it tracks into her house and her vehicle. She doesn't want a replacement tree either. Greg Kuhr and Jon Eckel both stated that there is nothing wrong with the tree – it is healthy and it is an approved street tree. Tony Kucic said it appears to be healthy but needs a qualified trimming. Can we prune/trim it and remove some of the branches? Greg Kuhr responded that the trees were trimmed several years ago but it needs a maintenance trim which we will do. It looks good and the inventory says fair. All agreed that the tree is not to be removed and we will do a maintenance trim on it. All agreed (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW THE BUDGET AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE STREET TREE DEDUCTION ON PROPERTY TAXES

Jon Eckel passed the budget around and his recommendation is to keep it as it is.

All agreed (6-0).

2019 URBAN FORESTRY CONFERENCE UPDATE

Bob Zak commented that he was disappointed in seeing the trees volcano mulched on the site of the Ohio Expo Center and Fairgrounds in Columbus where this conference was held. He also felt one speaker was way out there and the other speakers were interesting. Jim Hagen and Scott Kirby also attended the seminar. One interesting speaker talked about Street Tree Commissions and how to get younger adults involved and serve on these types of commissions. It would be nice to have younger individuals join our commission.

904 SHEARWOOD DRIVE – 2 REMOVALS AND REPLACEMENTS

No report as no one was present from Planning and Zoning to discuss.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT FOR APRIL/MAY/JUNE

Greg Kuhr reported that Woods Tree Service performed the following services: 897 Pine removed hanger, 985 Pine removed hanger, 955 Pine removed dead ash tree, 997 Pine removed 2 dying spruce, 702-722 Heathermoor vase and deadwood 5 Locust street trees, 425 E. 5th removed crab apple and trimmed Red Maple, 893 Bexley trimmed Linden heavy and 870 Locust removed Cottonwood on park property, deadwood and trim overhanging residence.

The City crew was responsible for: 876 Bexley trimmed, Brookfield Lane had 20 trees trimmed, Bexton had 10 trees trimmed. The crews also removed street trees at: 350 E. 5th (Maple), 345 E. 5th (Maple), 931 Walnut (Maple), 934 Walnut (2 Maples), 430 Walnut (2 Maple and Crab), 851 Walnut (Maple), 92 Maurice (Sycamore), 11590 Eckel Junction, 345 W. Front (Walnut), 601 Louisiana (Maple), 528 W. 7th (Maple) and 26741 Greenville (Maple).

VOLCANO MULCH REMEDIATION PROGRAM UPDATE

No report as Judy was not in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m. The date for the next meeting is **MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**

Debbie Ivan, Recording Secretary

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