

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

June 6, 2022

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

Members present: Scott Kirby, Jim Hagen, Rob Ross, Greg Kuhr, Christine Ardley and Kali Sawaya.

Member absent: Mark Easterling.

Visitor: Marie Dunn, Public Information Officer.

We reviewed minutes from the April 4th meeting. Jim Hagen made the motion to approve the minutes and Scott Kirby second the motion and all were in favor (6-0).

REVIEW BUDGET AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO ADMINISTRATION

Jim Hagen asked not to decrease the budget amount. Rob Ross said the needs shift but not overall amount. Discussions have begun about the possibility of hiring an Arborist. Costs are going up – especially fuel and we need to keep this in mind.

CITY WIDE BRUSH PICK UP UPDATE

Used seven trucks and 400 loads of brush delivered (2,072 yards of brush) to Renewed Outdoors. This was an average year with this year completing a day or so sooner. Adapted the grapples/bucket and restructured the employees.

REMOVE TREE BAGS FROM PREVIOUS TWO YEAR PLANTINGS

Greg Kuhr reported that the tree bags, stakes and wires were removed from the previous plantings and the new plantings have received their bags, stakes and wires.

ARBOR DAY REVIEW

Arbor Day went well. Marie Dunn said it did well on social media.

TREE CITY/CAMPUS USA AWARDS CEREMONY

Scott Kirby stated the awards ceremony was nice and the presentations were good.

DISCUSS PLANS FOR INSECTICIDE TREATMENTS, IF ANY, FOR SELECT STREET TREES. INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF PUBLICITY FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS

Greg Kuhr said we started some treatments early such as the trees at the Way Library. Oak street tree on Walnut Street is not looking any better yet. Scott Kirby will check it out. In another week or so, start looking for bag worms. We treated for these last year.

STREET TREE WATER BAG DOOR HANGER

We are ready to get these ordered. Marie Dunn said to send her the copy and she will reach out to the Perrysburg Messenger Journal to get pricing.

TREE SURVEY UPDATE PLANS FOR SUMMER

Rob Ross said the plan would be to assign the Tree Inventory to the Arborist position, when hired.

WEBSITE SUGGESTIONS

Kali Sawaya appreciated Marie Dunn coming to our Commission meeting to explain what her job duties are and said she and Christine Ardley will be looking closely at the visibility of the street tree information. She said the Street Tree Commission information on the website is buried and would like to see the search easier to find.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

Greg Kuhr reported that not much was completed in April due to brush pick up and in May due to the grass growing season. The crews handled site obstructions, school bus obstructions as well as Riverwood Ct has been completed. The crews are back in Riverford to finish and then into Cranden. Stump work was completed from last Fall and we will continue this task. Storm damage was not severe – had a tree from Ft. Meigs Cemetery fall and blocked the roadway and a few other limbs down that we were able to clean up quickly.

Removals were completed at 209 E. Indiana, 228 W. Indiana, 234 W. Indiana and two removed at 517 E. Sixth. Crews pruned Sandalwood Road obstructions as well as Findlay Street, Three Meadows Blvd. and Mohawk.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rob Ross informed the Commission members that Judy Hagen has retired after 26 years.

Rob Ross introduced Marie Dunn, the City's PIO. Marie Dunn explained her duties to the Commission members and said we should reach out to her to have her help us with communications for marketing, public awareness and website information. She can do videos and pictures as well.

If anyone knows of someone that may be interested in serving on our Commission, have them send an email to the Mayor.

Jim Hagen asked about the agenda item from the May 2nd agenda at 26006 Seminary Road & Turtle Creek. The resident called back and asked to have her request removed. She wanted the City to remove 2 Kentucky Coffee trees and we explained to her that they were healthy trees and if she wanted to remove and replace them at her expense, we would need to talk about it at the Street Tree Commission meeting. Discussed whether this species should be removed from our approved list. Scott Kirby said the positive points to this species is that they have a nice shape and are fast growing. The negative is the pods that fall. Jim Hagen would like to keep the diversity and keep the Kentucky Coffee tree on the list. Scott Kirby commented that this species is lacking in availability.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. with Kali Sawaya making the motion and Christine Ardley seconding the motion and all in favor (6-0).

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Jon G. Eckel Public Service Building, 11980 Roachton Road, Perrysburg, Ohio.

Debbie Ivan

File: Street Tree Minutes
Copy: Street Tree Commission Members
City Council Members

Mayor
City Administrator
Mary Jo Sutton