

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

May 7, 2018

Chairman Scott Kirby called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

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

Member absent: Tony Kucic.

Honorary Member: Don Lieder.

Visitor: Judy Hagen, Office of Litter Prevention.

We reviewed minutes from the March 5th meeting. Scott Kirby made a motion to approve the minutes as is and Bob Zak second it. All in favor (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

STREET TREE PLAN FOR HORSESHOE BEND PLAT 12

The commission reviewed the plan and the varieties are diverse but there is no landscape signature on the plan and the numbers indicated on the plant materials list don't add up to the trees shown on the plan. Scott Kirby denied the plan due to the lack of the landscape signature and the tree numbers need to be corrected on the plan as well. Bob Zak second the motion and all in favor (7-0).

ANNUAL STREET TREE COMMISSION REPORT

Scott Kirby will write the report and it will be presented to the Service Committee. Greg Kuhr will supply Scott Kirby with numbers of trees planted, removed, etc.

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

Jon Eckel suggests that we keep the budget as is. Jim Hagen asked if we can get an arborist or additional help with our trees. Our tree tracker is a good tool but we need to take care of the trees according to the information on the tracker. The Street Tree Commission will soon be choosing the plantings and it would be nice to have a person to oversee and keep things on track and up-to-date.

OLD BUSINESS

STREET TREE PLAN FOR THE WAFFLE HOUSE

No update or report.

STREET TREE PLAN FOR CARRONADE PARK

No update or report.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

Greg Kuhr reported the following removals: 300 block of West Third a Walnut tree removed and two Australian spruce trees were removed on Three Meadows Boulevard. Davey Tree Service trimmed a Locust and an Oak tree on East Sixth Street. Storm damage was minimal with two street trees down and one large limb.

TREE CITY/GROWTH AWARD PRESENTATION REVIEW

All those who attended said the program was good. Speakers were good and seven of our commission members were in attendance. Judy's presentation was great!

ARBOR DAY REVIEW

Judy Hagen was happy that we were able to get everything in before the rain came! Was a nice program that was held at the Commodore Schoolyard. One of the banner winners was not able to attend the program so Mayor Mackin and Judy Hagen met her for a photograph with her banner the following week.

SPRING BRUSH PICK UP

We completed brush pick up in record time – 10 days with near the same amount of brush picked up from last year.

VOLCANO MULCHING

Quite a bit of discussion on this topic. Jon Eckel suggests we send the homeowner a letter about volcano mulching their street tree. Scott Kirby agrees but feels the first letter should be an educational one and ask them to fix the problem. Give them 30 days to remedy it and if they don't, send a second letter. Penalty is \$150.00. Mark Easterling from P&Z said they will email addresses to Judy Hagen.

Judy Hagen asked the commission if they would like to do a video on volcano mulching. She explained how the city is doing videos on different topics and putting them on Facebook. The video would be Scott Kirby using the air spade.

Questions/Suggestions brought up:

- Create a handout and ask the Lacrosse team to hand them to the people who purchase mulch from their fundraiser.
- Should we have a meeting with landscapers who do work in the city?
- Think about how to handle the landscapers – have them attend a meeting during the winter and should they have to have a permit like the refuse haulers?

OTHER BUSINESS

Stephanie Miller, ODNR Urban Forester will be speaking at the Way Library tonite, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. Please try to attend.

Jim Hagen asked Greg Kuhr how the staking of new street trees is done. Greg Kuhr said he likes a good taunt on the tree when we plant them. Then we remove the staking one year later. Scott Kirby replied that all the tree companies have their own technique in staking.

Jim Hagen told Greg Kuhr that he needs to check out the street tree in front of 408 East Indiana. Said there is a rod at the base of the street tree there and he wasn't sure why.

Virginia Keller who lives at Front and Locust wants to have the Black Locust trees removed and she will replace with three large Maples. She wants the city to remove the trees and she will replace. Jon Eckel and Greg Kuhr will check these trees out.

Greg Kuhr is working on a letter for new street trees planted and how they need to water the tree and if it dies, they won't get another.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. The date for the next meeting is **MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

Debbie Ivan, Recording Secretary

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