

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

May 6, 2019

Chairman Scott Kirby called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Members present: Don Lieder, Jim Hagen, Bob Zak, Scott Kirby and Christine Ardley

Not present: Tony Kucic, Greg Kuhr, Jon Eckel and Mark Easterling

Honorary Member: Don Lieder

Visitors: Judy Hagen, Program Coordinator for Keep Perrysburg Beautiful
Stephanie Miller, Urban Forester ODNR

We reviewed minutes from the April 1st meeting. Jim Hagen made a motion to approve the minutes as is and Christine Ardley second it. All in favor (4-0).

NEW BUSINESS

INTERVIEW WITH OHIO'S TREE CITY USA TREE COMMISSIONS

Stephanie Miller, Urban Forester reported that this year is the 40th anniversary of the program. Every five years they try to do something to improve the program. This year they are gathering information from Tree City Commissions to help them be effective toward what we need.

At the beginning of the interview, she asked the Commission to give her a percentage number on how they felt as a Commission on how they function as an urban forestry program. After some discussion they answered with an 83% functioning score. She then continued with pre-selected questions.

The Commission felt the City is lacking on not having a dedicated crew that prunes and that we cannot keep to a pruning schedule for the whole city. Stephanie said she is here to help in any way we need her to. She believes we may want to approach our City Council and get them involved as well. Sometime during the summer, she will give us our scores.

A copy of the report will be presented to everyone in 2020 and at that time we will see where we stand among the others that were interviewed.

STREET TREE WORK PERMIT – 640 KIRKSHIRE DRIVE

Christine Ardley said she drove by and although there are different varieties of crab apples they all look good. Jim Hagen responded that the resident's reasoning is not a valid one. The tree east of the driveway is in poor enough health that we could remove this one. The trees were trimmed badly a long time ago but that is no reason to remove all eight. Christine Ardley is concerned that she will remove all the street trees and wants to know does she understand she cannot do that. Bob Zak did not see any problems.

A letter will be sent to Mrs. Guest explaining the reasons why the street trees will not be removed and what we can do to help her with her Toters for pick up.

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

No discussion held.

OLD BUSINESS

NORTHWEST OHIO TREE CITY USA PROGRAM – APRIL 17, 2019

Those who attended said the program was good.

BRUSH PICK UP COMPLETION

Completed.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

No report.

VOLCANO MULCH REMEDIATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Bob Zak and Christine Ardley reported that they have completed the areas they were responsible for. Jim Hagen and Scott Kirby still have some to complete and we have no information on Tony Kucic. Judy Hagen has had 10 people call to say they remediated their street trees out of 38 that were tagged.

Now we have 36 commercial places that need to be tagged. Jim Hagen, Bob Zak and Christine Ardley have divided up the list and will get them tagged. Letters were sent to commercial businesses as well as landscapers and workshops were offered, and nothing has been done.

REVIEW ARBOR DAY

Jim Hagen said Arbor Day was excellent! Lauren Rush had a very good demonstration and fun time with the kids.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trees bags have been attached to the newly planted street trees and letters were sent to the homeowner advising them how to take care and water the new tree.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m. The date for the next meeting is **MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**

Debbie Ivan, Recording Secretary

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