

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

April 5, 2021

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

Members present: Jim Hagen, Scott Kirby, Greg Kuhr, Christine Ardley, Susan Rowland Miller, Rob Ross and Mark Easterling.

Honorary Member: Don Liedler.

Visitor: Judy Hagen, Program Coordinator for Keep Perrysburg Beautiful

We reviewed minutes from the March 1, 2021 meeting. Jim Hagen made the motion to approve the minutes as is and Scott Kirby second the motion and all were in favor (7-0).

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we met in the basement conference room in the Municipal Building.

NEW BUSINESS

CITY-WIDE BRUSH PICK UP BEGINS

We started brush pick up today on the east side of town.

SUMMERFIELD TOWN HOMES STREET TREE PLAN

Mark Easterling said this street tree plan has gone through the Planning Commission already. The street tree calculation changed due to the lots shrunk so adjustments to the number of trees will change. We will have to wait until driveways, sidewalks and grass is established to determine the final number. We will check back in late Summer/early Fall.

OLD BUSINESS

ARBOR DAY PROGRESS

Greg Kuhr ordered an Ohio Buckeye tree. The Commission decided they would all meet on Monday, April 12th at 10:00 a.m. at the Three Meadows boathouse to plant the tree. Judy Hagen will talk with Shannon Solt, the City's PIO, to get the Mayor's message. Judy Hagen will contact the Country Garden Club representative to videotape her presentation and Jake Schoen to videotape his presentation on native species and wild flowers. We would like to have this available on facebook. Judy Hagen will work with the schools to get pictures of the winners with their banners.

TREE SURVEY UPDATE

Greg Kuhr reported that Judy Hagen, Darlene Pilewski and Debbie Ivan were trained by Ben from Askren Municipal Forestry. They reviewed what they do and he answered questions they had and showed them more functions they can tap into. We have now closed the Purchase Order.

110 PARTRIDGE – NUISANCE TREE

Greg Kuhr said that Woods Tree Service removed the tree but the stump was still there. He will check back to make sure the stump is gone and the area has been completed.

WINTER PRUNING UPDATE

Greg Kuhr reported City crews pruned 39 trees on Fox Run. City crews also finished up the Lexington and Kettle Run area but he did not have any numbers to report on yet. City crews will move onto Eaglecrest once the City has completed brush pick up.

Woods Tree Service removed one tree at 560 Oak Knoll, two removed at 505 Willow, one removed at 545 E. Second, one at 110 Partridge and one at 108 E. Front.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

City crews removed one Ash tree on Indian Wells.

TREE CITY USA RECERTIFICATION AND GROWTH AWARD

A statement was put on facebook last week that the City received both awards once again. Rob Ross acknowledged Greg Kuhr, Judy Hagen and Debbie Ivan for all the work they put into this process.

SITE PLANS AND PRELIMINARY PLATS 2019

Rivers Edge is the only site plan left to complete.

BUCKEYE STATE BANK

Greg Kuhr and Judy Hagen looked at the site and they felt there was no need for them to plant street trees. Susan Rowland Miller voiced her concerns as a new member to give her insights and questions answered. Scott Kirby mentioned salt debris possibly being a problem through there. Greg Kuhr also stated that shorter trees are site obstructions. He prefers more than four feet as the tree roots will heave the sidewalk and cause problems. Judy Hagen said it doesn't appear to have the space to plant the trees but there are other trees on their grounds. Scott Kirby made a motion to waive no planting of street trees at the Buckeye State Bank's new location on Eckel Junction Road. Rob Ross second the motion and it was unanimous (7-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

Christine Ardley asked if the City would trim the branches up about three feet off the ground on the sidewalk side of Locust Street on the west side of the Municipal Park sign and Bob Zak's house. There are large thorns on these branches that could hurt walkers but also to keep the kids from breaking them off the trees and hurting one another.

Jim Hagen asked if the trees staked at Rotary Park could be removed as the bark is rubbing off of them.

Scott Kirby mentioned the Gypsy Moth's winter hatching is around May 3rd. He is not sure if we will be hit.

Scott Kirby said he was approached by ARTC (research company that we had here last year testing on the Ash trees) asking if they could come back to the City and this year put gyroscopes in street trees to measure how far the branches move.

At the next meeting, our newest member will be joining us – Kali Sawaya.

Susan Rowland Miller completed her Freshman year at the Tree Academy!! Has signed up for her Sophomore year.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m. The date for the next meeting is **MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Basement Conference Room in the Municipal Building.**

Debbie Ivan, Recording Secretary

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