

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

February 7, 2022

Chairman Scott Kirby called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Members present: Scott Kirby, Susan Rowland Miller, Jim Hagen, Kali Sawaya, Rob Ross, Christine Ardley and Mark Easterling (late).

Member absent: Greg Kuhr.

Visitor: Judy Hagen, Program Coordinator for Keep Perrysburg Beautiful.

We reviewed minutes from the January 3rd meeting. Susan Rowland Miller made the motion to approve the minutes and Kali Sawaya second the motion and all were in favor (6-0).

ELECT A CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR

Christine Ardley was nominated for Vice Chairman at the January 3rd meeting but she was not in attendance to accept or deny. Christine Ardley accepted the nomination and all in favor (6-0).

ARBOR DAY PROGRESS

Judy Hagen said that this year is the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day. Judy Hagen circulated copies of a pocket naturalist guide to possibly purchase as a gift to the 24 poster winners. The Arbor Day celebration will be virtual on facebook. Each school will decide how they will celebrate and each Street Tree Commission member has chosen a school that they will partake in their celebration and pass out the winning banners and get a picture with them. Judy Hagen would like to reach out to Stephanie Miller and ask her to do a video on the history of Arbor Day and have her touch on how many years the city has been a tree city and growth award recipient. Judy Hagen has a list of ideas for the community's involvement. Had a discussion about having a banner made but generic enough to hang at other times during the year.

A Chestnut Oak will be planted at Woodlands Park. The Country Garden Club will donate to the purchase of the tree.

REPORT ON CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Roughly 700 Christmas trees were picked up which exceeded last year's number.

TREE CITY USA RECERTIFICATION AND GROWTH AWARD APPLICATION

We have not heard anything at this time. Mark your calendar for May 11th as the Awards Program is back on this year! It will be held in Findlay – more to come soon.

WINTER PRUNING PLANS

Rob Ross handed out a tree pruning report to all members. Pruning efforts were cut short in January due to snow removal days.

STREET TREE WATER BAG DOOR HANGER

Judy Hagen handed out another rough draft. Susan Rowland Miller asked to fix one sentence. We will await our new PIO and hand this over to them for their approval and then onto the printer.

WEBSITE SUGGESTIONS

Still on hold until we get a new PIO.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

Rob Ross reported that there were no removals.

FALL PLANTING UPDATE

Fall planting has been completed and 211 trees were planted.

START THINKING OF STREET TREE BUDGET ISSUES FOR NEXT YEAR

Keep an open mind for budget ideas.

2022 OHIO SUNSHINE LAW TRAINING

Rob Ross handed out a copy of a flyer if anyone is interested in attending. There is no requirement of anyone – just information to make you aware. Remember to keep all notes, meeting minutes and email copies in your notebooks. Two members can talk business but no more than that.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mark Easterling informed the committee that ProMedica purchased the former CAT building (corner of SR25 & Jefferson Street) and P&Z has an active site plan. We need to look closely at whether or not street trees can be planted in the right-of-way.

Susan Rowland Miller informed the committee that she will be resigning as she has been asked to serve on the Historic Landmarks Committee. She said she enjoyed being involved with the Street Tree Commission and has learned a lot.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m. with Mark Easterling making the motion and Susan Rowland Miller seconding the motion and all in favor (7-0).

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Jon G. Eckel Public Service Building, 11980 Roachton Road, Perrysburg, Ohio.

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