

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

February 3, 2020

Chairman Scott Kirby called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Members present: Scott Kirby, Jim Hagen, Rob Ross, Greg Kuhr, Don Lieder and Robert Zak (late).

Not present: Christine Ardley, Mark Easterling and Phil Walton.

Honorary Member: Don Lieder.

Visitor: Judy Hagen, Program Coordinator for Keep Perrysburg Beautiful, Luella Smith, Country Garden Club President and Jon Eckel, Assistant to the City Administrator.

We reviewed minutes from the January 6, 2020 meeting. Scott Kirby made the motion to approve the minutes as is and Greg Kuhr second the motion and all were in favor (4-0).

NEW BUSINESS

STREET TREE BUDGET ISSUES FOR NEXT YEAR

There is a combination of four accounts totaling \$145,500 per Rob Ross.

OLD BUSINESS

ARBOR DAY PROGRESS BY JUDY HAGEN AND LUELLA SMITH

Luella Smith is President of the Country Garden Club. She wanted to speak to the Commission regarding the Garden Club of America. April is Ohio Native plant month and the Country Garden Club would like to get more involved in Arbor Day. Luella Smith passed around buttons that the Country Garden Club would like to purchase and hand out to the school kids. Judy Hagen said she has not sent her letter to the schools yet regarding the poster contest. Maybe they could work together and come up with a common theme. Jim Hagen asked Luella Smith if she has a list of the native trees that she could supply us with so we can see if they are on our approved street tree list. Greg Kuhr stated that we can plant anything in the parks, just not in the city right-of-way. Luella Smith will send a copy to Judy Hagen.

We need to decide where to hold the Arbor Day celebration. Jon Eckel suggested Municipal Park for the re-dedication of Meyer field. Judy Hagen said there is no place to go in case of rain. Three Meadows was mentioned and after discussion was chosen as the location for this year's Arbor Day celebration.

TREE SURVEY UPDATE

The Purchase Order as well as the locations and species were sent to Ben at Askren Municipal Forestry LLC. They should be starting in the next month or so.

FALL PLANTING UPDATE

Fall planting has been completed. Trees were planted incorrectly and Greg Kuhr contacted North Branch and they went back to every site and repaired and all is done.

WINTER PRUNING UPDATE

City crews are done in Horseshoe Bend – 5 removals and 213 trees trimmed. They are now in Shawnee Trace and Shawnee Junction – 166 trimmed and 11 removed.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

Woods Tree Service removed one tree on Elm Street and trimmed another. 30 trees were removed on Hickory Street and the surrounding area due to the Hickory/Loomis waterline project. We will get these addresses and make adjustments.

VOLCANO MULCH REMEDIATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Judy Hagen reported that the banner will be hung the first week of March. Post-it notes will be given to the Lacrosse team again this year to put on the bags of mulch they sold as a fundraiser.

Scott Kirby offered to get an insurance value if someone from the Street Tree Commission would randomly pick three addresses for him. Judy Hagen said we will have to work on this. We will look for three street trees volcano mulched and three street trees not volcano mulched as well as close to the same timing of being planted.

TREE CITY USA RECERTIFICATION AND GROWTH AWARD

Both applications have been completed and we should receive both.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM

949 Christmas trees were picked up curbside.

904 SHEARWOOD DRIVE – LINDA DEICHERT

Discussion ensued about the species of trees and following is a list of the approved street trees that the Commission feels fits what she is looking for. They are: Serviceberry, Dogwood, Lacebark Elm, Pin Oak, Laurel Oak/Shingle Oak and Red Sunset. Greg Kuhr and Rob Ross will work on this list and will reach out to her with this information. The trees have been removed but the stumps are still there. Replacements are to be planted in the Spring.

STREET TREE COMMISSION REPORT

No report in January because Scott Kirby was absent. Forgot to carry over on the agenda for February. Will add it to the March agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

Judy Hagen mentioned that the February newsletter is on the City's home page for your reading pleasure.

Judy Hagen is formalizing and updating the street tree permit for removal of street trees. Everyone likes the additions that Judy Hagen has proposed and one member had an addition to the approved for removal list – structural integrity.

Because Robert Zak was late to the meeting, he is asking that we revise last month's minutes. Under "Other Business" he would like the last line omitted.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m. The date for the next meeting is **MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

Debbie Ivan, Recording Secretary

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