

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2019

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

Members present: Mark Easterling, Scott Kirby, Bob Zak, Jon Eckel, Tony Kucic and Jim Hagen

Members absent: Greg Kuhr, Christine Ardley

Visitor: Judy Hagen, Program Coordinator Keep Perrysburg Beautiful

Minutes from December 3, 2018 were reviewed. Bob Zak makes a motion to approve the minutes and Scott Kirby seconded. All in favor (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Kirby was elected to chair and Bob Zak to vice-chair.

OLD BUSINESS

STREET TREE PLAN FOR ST. LUKE'S AT LIGHTHOUSE WAY

Mark Easterling checked with Brody Walters and determined there was insufficient frontage necessary for a street tree. No street tree is needed at that location.

STREET TREE PLAN FOR SUMMERFIELD PLAT ONE

Mark Easterling brought the plans for plat one. It was determined that the commission needed the entire subdivision plat map to start the street tree design. This will be the focus of the February 11, 2019 meeting. Judy Hagen will compile the necessary materials for the design process following the TCA guidelines that street tree commission TCA graduates are familiar with.

TREE CITY USA RECERTIFICATION AND GROWTH AWARD

Perrysburg was successful in their recertification and another growth award. The awards presentation is Wednesday, April 17th at Crestline, Ohio.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

Greg Kuhr was absent and the report was read by Judy Hagen. There were no removals. Trimmings: of 8-10 trees on North Ridge, 8-10 trees at Seminary at West River Road, a few trees in Williwobend that were hitting garbage trucks. A sign obstruction at Three Meadows Blvd. at Bexton and Shearwood was completed. Tree trimming is continuing due to the good weather and lack of snow.

WINTER PRUNING

City crews will continue with pruning while the weather is good.

VOLCANO MULCH REMEDIATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Judy Hagen shared the letter that was sent to all commercial tree and landscaping companies in the fall of 2018. These same companies will be receiving an invitation to a workshop on Saturday, February 9th at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Way Library with Scott Kirby. The city arborists from Bowling Green and Sylvania will also be invited to participate. In this manner, the local companies will know that volcano mulching is a concern to all area communities. The focus of this workshop will be remediation and prevention of any further volcano mulching.

Scott Kirby will do a follow up call to all invitees to encourage them to attend.

Judy Hagen shared a 2019 timeline for the volcano mulch remediation program with the commission.

- **February**

- Workshop for local lawn and tree companies at Way Library on Saturday, February 9th from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- Letter to PHS Lacrosse team before their mulch sale notifying them about the volcano mulch remediation program.

- **March**

- Resident workshop with Scott Kirby on volcano mulch remediation on Thursday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Way Library
- Scott Kirby will write an article about how to correctly calculate mulch needs which will be included in the DOPS March newsletter and contained on the city web page with other street tree information.
- Street Tree Commission members will start tagging resident and commercial street trees that are volcano mulched. Residents will be given time to remediate their volcano mulching on city street trees.
- Residents who have not remediated their volcano mulching will be notified by mail and via web page when Street Tree Commission volunteers will be in their neighborhood to remediate volcano mulching on street trees.
- A street banner about "Mulch Madness" will be on display in the downtown streetscape.
- City web page will highlight the implementation of the volcano mulch remediation program.
- Other media venues will be notified of this program i.e. television stations and local newspapers.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM

City crews are collecting Christmas trees this week on residents' regular garbage collection day. These trees will be recycled at Renewed Outdoors.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

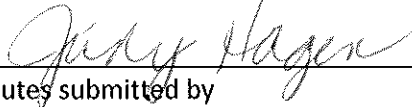
Judy Hagen shared the plans for Arbor Day. It will be held at Hood Park on Friday, April 26th at 1:00 p.m. In case of rain, the program will be moved to council chambers. Winners of the poster and photo contest will be introduced.

Student participation will include:

- Poster contest from the four public elementary schools grades 1-4, St. Rose grades 1-6 and HPI grade 5-6
 - Each of these posters will be transformed into street light banners to be hung downtown the week after Arbor Day.
- New this year, all students in the Perrysburg school district grades 9-12 will be eligible for a photo contest.
 - Students who are homeschooled and/or go to private schools are also eligible
 - One entry per student of a photo of a tree(s) that is on Perrysburg City park property or a Perrysburg City street tree is eligible
 - The photo must be taken between the time period of January 8th to March 25th of this year.
 - The winner will be honored at the Arbor Day Celebration
- The speaker this year will be Lauren Rush, City of Perrysburg Storm Water Management Technician with the theme of trees as green infrastructure.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m. The date for the next meeting was changed to Monday, February 11th at 10:00 at DOPS conference room


Minutes submitted by

Judy Hagen, Program Coordinator Keep Perrysburg Beautiful

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