

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

January 6, 2020

Vice Chairman Robert Zak called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

Members present: Jim Hagen, Christine Ardley, Rob Ross, Robert Zak, Greg Kuhr, Mark Easterling and Phil Walton.

Not present: Scott Kirby.

Honorary Member: Don Lieder.

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

We reviewed minutes from the December 9, 2019 meeting. Jim Hagen made a motion to add a sentence to his paragraph under volcano mulch remediation program update to say "Discussion along with possible solutions were discussed". Bob Zak second the motion and all were in favor (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

ELECT A CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Robert Zak nominated Scott Kirby for Chairman - all in favor 7-0. Christine Ardley nominated Robert Zak for Vice Chairman – all in favor 7-0.

SELECT AN ARBOR DAY CHAIRMAN OR JUDY HAGEN

Judy Hagen was unanimously selected as the chairman again this year. Discussed where we should plant the Arbor Day tree. Municipal park is one location with the Schaller Building as a back-up in case of rain or Three Meadows park and use the shelter as a rain back-up.

OLD BUSINESS

TREE SURVEY UPDATE

Contract is awaiting a signature from Askren Municipal Forestry. The plan is to begin adding the nearly 800 trees to our inventory and that should happen sometime in March (possibly earlier weather permitting).

FALL PLANTING UPDATE

Fall planting has been completed per Greg Kuhr. Christine Ardley said her tree was not planted correctly and Robert Zak agreed. There is no root flair showing. We need to tell North Branch how we want the plantings to be done as well as the mulch. There is not to be any volcano mulching. Greg Kuhr will go out and check all the new plantings as he noticed a few as well. He will contact North Branch and will work with them on the corrections.

WINTER PRUNING UPDATE & PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

City crews were back out last week in Horseshoe Bend and hopefully finishing up this week. Five street trees on West Front and Cherry Street were trimmed by Woods Tree Service because of storm damage. Leaf collection is completed.

VOLCANO MULCH REMEDIATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Judy Hagen had nothing to report. Rob Ross reported that Bridgette Kabat - City Administrator, Tom Mackin – Mayor and Laura Alkire – Law Director will be meeting to discuss.

TREE CITY USA RECERTIFICATION AND GROWTH AWARD

We received the Tree City USA award and we have a few tweaks to make to the Growth Award application and resubmit. Rob Ross thanked Greg Kuhr, Judy Hagen and Debbie Ivan for the time and energy they put into these applications.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Greg Kuhr said Christmas trees will be picked up on your normal refuse pick up day starting next Monday, January 13th. All trees to be put to the curb – there is no alley pick up.

STREET TREE COMMISSION REPORT

No report as Scott Kirby was absent.

OTHER BUSINESS

Judy Hagen did some research on reasons to have city trees removed or not to have city trees removed to add to our policy. We feel we need to have valid reasons for both. We had a resident ask to have a tree in the city right-of-way removed because it was blocking his satellite dish.

Monthly newsletter will be on the city website mid-week.

Judy Hagen spoke with Stephanie Miller asking her about the possibility of training on how to prune, mulch and remediate. They will work on a possible date to do this.

Judy Hagen wrote a skit on volcano mulching. She talked with Rob Gentry at Perrysburg High School to have the students make a CD for us. Christine Ardley asked Judy Hagen about waivers, etc. More discussion ensued in having Scott Kirby develop the criteria and then have the Street Tree Commission members do the planting and narrating. We need to be very specific. We will give landscapers a copy for them to follow when working with trees in the City of Perrysburg. Another option would be to hire someone to do the CD.

At the next meeting, we will discuss the options of tree species that Linda Deichert – 904 Shearwood Drive can choose from. Then we will send the information to her.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m. The date for the next meeting is **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

Debbie Ivan, Recording Secretary

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