

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

January 4, 2021

Chairman Scott Kirby called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Members present: Scott Kirby, Rob Ross, Greg Kuhr, Christine Ardley and Susan Rowland Miller. Mark Easterling (late).

Member absent: Jim Hagen

Honorary Member: Don Lieder.

Visitor: None.

We reviewed minutes from the November 2, 2020 meeting. Scott Kirby made the motion to approve the minutes as is and Rob Ross second the motion and all were in favor (4-0).

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we met in City Council Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF OUR NEW STREET TREE COMMISSION MEMBER – SUSAN ROWLAND MILLER

All commission members went around the room and introduced themselves to Susan Rowland Miller.

ELECT A CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR

Scott Kirby volunteered for the Chairman position once again. Christine Ardley volunteered for the Vice Chairman position.

SELECT ARBOR DAY CHAIRMAN AND INVITE JUDY HAGEN TO MEETING TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: HOST SITE, SCHOOL CONTEST, SPEAKER, MAYOR, ETC.

Judy Hagen was on vacation and there is no report this month.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Greg Kuhr said the Christmas tree recycling pick up begins next Monday, January 11th and the Christmas trees will be picked up on your refuse pick up day. All trees need to be undecorated and to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your refuse day. A separate crew to pick them up and will have them recycled.

OLD BUSINESS

STAKES AND ANY WRAPPING (PIPE) FROM PREVIOUS YEARS' PLANTINGS SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR REMOVAL

Greg Kuhr said city crews will be taking care of this any time between now and Spring.

FALL PLANTING UPDATE

Greg Kuhr reported that North Branch will be finishing up tomorrow. Few changes at the site locations but they will be wrapping it up tomorrow. 203-207 trees were planted.

TREE SURVEY UPDATE

The survey portion has been completed. Training needs to be scheduled when we can meet again. Scott Kirby promotes diversity with the street trees. Rob Ross will talk to Shannon Solt about writing an article.

110 PARTRIDGE – NUISANCE TREE

Greg Kuhr reported the City will remove the tree between now and spring.

WINTER PRUNING UPDATE

The guys are back out starting today and they will finish up in Rivers Edge and then move onto Lexington/Kettle Run area. They will continue pruning as weather permits.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

Winter pruning is ongoing!

TREE CITY USA RECERTIFICATION AND GROWTH AWARD

Received the Tree City USA award for sure and the Growth Award is pending. Should not be a problem in receiving this award as well.

904 SHEARWOOD DRIVE – LINDA DEICHERT

Greg Kuhr reported that the resident didn't want the trees from the beginning of this process. She did pay the \$475.00 fee and Greg Kuhr selected the trees. Rob Ross and Greg Kuhr discussed the planting of the trees at this residence and they feel she won't take care of them. We will plant these 2 replacement trees on Hickory Street where they are wanted.

SITE PLANS AND PRELIMINARY PLATS 2019 – MARK EASTERLING

Mark Easterling said there are no new site plans at this time. He still needs updated information from Judy Hagen from the 2019 plans. Greg Kuhr said he has a few refunds that need to be issued and once Judy Hagen returns to work, they will get this done. The Holiday Inn on Carronade is another location to be re-checked.

DOPS NEWSLETTER TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FOR 2021

If anyone has any ideas, feel free to email Judy Hagen.

YARK STREET TREES – CAN THEY BE PLANTED BEHIND THE SIDEWALK

Greg Kuhr and Mark Easterling both stated that there is no room in the right-of-way at this new location to plant so they will be receiving a refund.

OTHER BUSINESS

Debbie Ivan stated that we will be meeting in Council Chambers for the following meetings: 1/4, 2/1, 3/1 and 4/5. Hoping May will be nice and we can meet outdoors and someday back to our conference room.

Scott Kirby said we need to be aware of oyster shell scale.

Greg Kuhr installed wire fencing around some of the trees down by Orleans Park that the beavers are chewing on and knocking down.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The date for the next meeting is **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.**

Debbie Ivan, Recording Secretary

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