

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

January 3, 2022

Chairman Scott Kirby called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Members present: Scott Kirby, Susan Rowland Miller, Jim Hagen, Kali Sawaya, Rob Ross and Mark Easterling.

Members absent: Christine Ardley and Greg Kuhr.

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

We reviewed minutes from the December 6th meeting. Susan Rowland Miller asked that we amend the minutes under Tree City USA topic. The Tree City USA application was submitted before December 6th but the Growth Award had not been submitted at the time of the meeting. Susan Rowland Miller then made the motion to approve the minutes as amended and Kali Sawaya second the motion and all were in favor (6-0).

ELECT A CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR

Jim Hagen nominated Scott Kirby for Chairman, all in favor (6-0) and Scott Kirby accepted. Kali Sawaya nominated Christine Ardley for Vice Chairman, all in favor (6-0). Christine Ardley not in attendance to accept.

SELECT ARBOR DAY CHAIRMAN

Susan Rowland Miller nominated Judy Hagen and it was unanimous (6-0) and Judy Hagen accepted. Was decided that Arbor Day would run the same as last year. Each school does their own thing and then it is put on facebook. Let's just keep the theme generic – trees.

REPORT ON CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Judy Hagen reported that Christmas tree pick up starts this week and trees will be picked up on your regular scheduled refuse day. Other options are to contact Renewed Outdoors to schedule an appointment to drop it off or put it in your backyard until Spring brush pick up.

TREE CITY USA RECERTIFICATION AND GROWTH AWARD APPLICATION

Both the Tree City USA and Growth award applications met all the criteria and has been accepted by our Urban Forester. She will forward on to the National Arbor Day Foundation for recertification to Tree City USA and Growth Award recipient.

WINTER PRUNING PLANS

Rob Ross updated us for the monthly trimming total from city crews which was 230 trees. He also said that we did exceed last year's 869 street trees trimmed. This year we did over 1,000.

In 2022 (during the winter months – weather permitting), the plan is to send out 2-1/2 crews. The half crew will be a seasoned employee to work with a trainee on tree trimming and shaping.

Kali Sawaya asked about the tree tracker inventory and Rob Ross and Judy Hagen both explained the process to her.

STREET TREE WATER BAG DOOR HANGER

Kali Sawaya explained that she pulled all the information into one door hanger. Discussion ensued and Kali Sawaya will make the changes and will then send it to Judy Hagen. Judy Hagen will seek approval and then send it to the printer to be typeset and will request a proof. Since we have some time before we actually hang these, we will hold off on printing and will get final approval from our new PIO.

WEBSITE SUGGESTIONS

We are still making some changes to the website but the tree list is the most updated version. The old brochures will still pop up if it is Googled. Judy Hagen said she would reach out to the IT department to see if they can add a blurb on the Googled site that it is incorrect information.

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

Rob Ross reported that removals were given to Woods Tree Service but did not have any update at this point.

FALL PLANTING UPDATE

Planting is going well as of last week. Total of 211 trees to be planted and ground not frozen yet.

NORTH BRANCH NURSERY PRICE INCREASE

Per Judy Hagen, we won't know this for sure until we order trees.

STREET TREE COMMISSION REPORT

Reviewed the charter and nothing says that a report needs to be presented. For the Tree City USA application, we will scan copies of our minutes to cover the need.

OTHER BUSINESS

A tree was chosen in honor of Don Lieder and it will be planted at Three Meadows Park.

Judy Hagen asked the Commission members to think about tree topics to go in the DOPS monthly newsletter. She is looking for articles to write about. Scott Kirby began to list topics by the month to Judy Hagen that included pre-emergents, proper mulching, insects, etc.

A suggestion would be to take snip-its from the DOPS newsletter and put out on social media. Judy Hagen responded that without a PIO right now, can't promise any information on facebook.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m. with Susan Rowland Miller making the motion and Mark Easterling seconding the motion and all in favor (6-0).

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 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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