

Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission

Meeting Held November 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM

Scott Kirby, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call taken: Scott Kirby, Christine Ardley, Michael Deal, Mark Easterling, Greg Kuhr, Rob Ross and Kali Sawaya were in attendance. James Hagen was absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Kali Sawaya made the motion to accept the October 2, 2023 meeting minutes and Scott Kirby second the motion. All in favor (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Project on Elm Street - Joe Fawcett

Joe Fawcett, City Administrator, explained to the Commission that a sewer project created the removal of a few pine trees on Elm Street. Dan Ledyard said that the trees were not removed by a contractor in time, so the City went in to remove. Joe Fawcett noted that allowable trees are listed in our brochure and we would like to make an exception for the owner for more privacy. Dan Ledyard suggested 2 or 3 Western arborvitae. The City would pay for the trees and owner would be responsible for paying for the crew and company to plant.

Kali Sawaya asked if there is a need to access the sewer again and Joe Fawcett, Rob Ross and Dan Ledyard all responded that there could be. A warranty on the arborvitae so the City will cut a check to the owner. All in favor (7-0).

Stakes and any Wrapping (pipe) from Previous Years' Plantings should be Scheduled for Removal

Dan Ledyard said these will be removed as well as the water bags.

Street Tree Commission Report

Greg Kuhr and Scott Kirby will work on this report. It was mentioned to Joe Fawcett that in the past, Scott Kirby would attend a City Council meeting and give the report but that has been discontinued. Scott Kirby feels the personal touch meeting with the Council members is a good gesture.

OLD BUSINESS

Tree City USA Recertification and Growth Award Application

We will begin working on this now. Greg Kuhr will teach Dan Ledyard the ropes on this application process. It is due December 1, 2023.

Fall Planting/Winter Pruning

Fall planting was awarded to Malczewski's Lawn Care and Snow Removal and Dan Ledyard said they are a good company and very qualified. Roughly 100 trees will be planted. Dan Ledyard will stake the spots for the plantings.

We will have to halt pruning come October 16th when leaf collection begins. Once we have completed leaf pick up, we will be back out pruning.

ODNR Northwest Ohio Urban Forestry Seminar Update

Everyone was in agreement that the speaker from Woody's in Indianapolis was good and it was a beautiful day to be out in the afternoon with a hands-on project. Woody's would be a good contact for park trees.

Prunings/Removals Report

Year-to-date total is 155 removals, 661 trims and 92 stumps. Good numbers this year. It helped getting three people out most days. Greg Kuhr thanked Dan Ledyard in taking the time and teaching the guys - not just giving them direction. They are becoming more comfortable. Dan Ledyard said the guys are very receptive.

Sterlingwood Court Update

Dan Ledyard said that Mike Deal emailed him regarding Omni Fiber. Mike Deal noticed that stable anchor roots were dug up. Dan Ledyard reached out to Omni Fiber and told them they need to keep off the right-of-ways. They are damaging trees and roots. City will watch Mike Deal's tree and if it dies, we will replace it.

City Wide Leaf Pick-Up Update

We are sending a crew of 12 out and will be working weekends starting now until completed. The crews will be taking the leaves to Renewed Outdoors.

Street Tree Commission Ordinance Update

Kali Sawaya, Mike Deal and Jim Hagen met and went through the ordinance and have begun making updates and changes. Will continue to work on it and if anyone has anything to add, please forward to them.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kali Sawaya said she will be giving a "state of the trees" presentation at her TCA graduation that will be held on December 7th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. with Kali Sawaya

making the motion to adjourn and Mark Easterling seconding it. All in favor (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Ivan
Street Tree Commission

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024 (Monday, January 1, 2024 is a holiday)