

Minutes of Perrysburg Service Committee

Meeting Held September 25, 2024

CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:47 p.m. by Chairperson Kerry Wellstein.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present were Kevin Fuller, Mark Weber, and Kerry Wellstein. Staff members present were Joe Fawcett, Brian Thomas, Rob Ross, and Dan Ledyard.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF 8/28/24 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the August 28, 2024 meeting were approved 3-0.

PURCHASE OF KUBOTA SNOW BLOWER

Mr. Ross stated that they will be purchasing a Kubota Snow Blower/Mower through a Sourcewell contract. The price of the unit is \$41,302.73 and is included in this year's budget. The purchase was authorized earlier in the year through Resolution 52-2024. It will replace a 1997 unit that will remain as a back-up.

PURCHASE OF JD Z MOWER

Mr. Ross informed the Committee that they will also be purchasing a zero turn mower for \$21,266.90. He said that there was \$20,000 in this year's budget. He said they will also be keeping the current unit as a back-up. No action was requested, this was an informational item.

ACCEPTANCE OF COVENTRY POINTE PLAT 3

Mr. Thomas stated that the walk through for Coventry Pointe Plat 3 has been completed, and all punchlist items have been resolved. He said that legislation is needed for the City to accept the infrastructure and improvements in the subdivision. The Committee agreed 3-0 to move this along to City Council.

UPDATE FOR FT. MEIGS ROAD DITCH PROJECT

Mr. Thomas updated the Committee on the status of the Fort Meigs Road Ditch Project. He stated that we have received the Army Corps of Engineers permit, and the plans are 90-95% finished. He said the Urban Forester reviewed the plans, and he will be meeting with the Stormwater Technician and Street Tree Commission to review them also. He said that the next step is to schedule an Open House and then go out to bid, hopefully in December. Mr. Weber stated that we promised the residents living near the

ditch that we would keep them notified so we need to send out letters. Mr. Thomas said that he is thinking about having a time before the Open House to discuss the plans specifically with those living near the ditch.

UPTOWN/DOWNTOWN STREET TREE ASSESSMENT - DAN LEDYARD

Mr. Ledyard stated that he was asked to take a look at the trees in the first three blocks of Louisiana Avenue. He introduced Kali Sawaya, a member of the Street Tree Commission, who was present at the meeting. He stated that he and Ms. Sawaya looked at each individual tree, and they ranked them as critical, serious, and fair. He showed pictures of trees where the canopy has died, a couple with splits in the trunk, and one with mushrooms growing at the base, which indicates the roots have died. He said that the root system of the locust trees by the library have been damaged, they have bark beetles, and they are high maintenance. He said the two on the west side of the street are very large and are right up against the sidewalk. Mr. Ledyard said that it would be his recommendation that the best thing to do, given the proposed construction, is to take them down and start from scratch. Ms. Sawaya added that an urban tree only has a 15 to 20 year life expectancy under good conditions. She said these trees are within five years of their regular death, and we can't expect the trees to thrive in an urban setting, meaning with all the impervious surface. Mr. Ross added that the Street Tree Commission also supports the removal of the downtown trees. Ms. Wellstein said that we need to educate the public so they understand this. Mr. Weber asked if letting the public know about the trees will be part of the marketing plan, and Mr. Fawcett said it would be.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Wellstein passed along a compliment from a neighbor about how beautiful the flowers downtown are. Ms. Wellstein stated that the Service Department did a great job with the Homecoming Festival. She asked what the box is at Walnut and West Second Streets. Mr. Thomas explained that it is used to do traffic counts instead of running the tubing across the road.

Mr. Weber asked if the construction staging area at Fifth and Findlay will be restored by the contractor when the project is complete, and Mr. Thomas said it would be. There was a brief discussion regarding wildflowers that were planted at Findlay and Seventh Streets and at Riverside Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Wellstein, Chairperson
Service Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.