

Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission

Meeting Held December 4, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM

Scott Kirby, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF 11/6/23 MEETING MINUTES

Mark Easterling made the motion to approve the November 6, 2023 meeting minutes and Scott Kirby second the motion. All in favor (8-0).

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Plantings Update

We are going forward per Greg Kuhr. December 15, 2023 is the date for delivery of trees and to plant them shortly after this date.

Street Tree Commission Report

Our annual report is to be given at a City Council meeting and that would be sometime in March or April. Rob Ross will inform the Commission of the date.

Tree City USA Recertification and Growth Award Application

There were a few hiccups with the new system but everything was submitted and Stephanie Miller will be our contact person.

Prunings/Removal Report

Leaf pick up is ongoing. Dan Ledyard is out making and answering calls from homeowners. YTD numbers: 1107 pruned, 155 planted and 136 removed.

City Wide Leaf Pick-Up Update

We are almost done says Rob Ross. Probably mid-week. Rob Ross conducted a survey among neighboring cities and will share next month the results.

Street Tree Commission Ordinance Update

Per Kali Sawaya, the ordinance was taken to the Law Director. Rob Ross will report next month on this.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kali Sawaya will give her Tree Commission Academy report on the state of the trees at her graduation ceremony on December 7, 2023.

Jim Hagen asked why the work was being done at Orleans Park along the riverfront.

Greg Kuhr responded by saying the intention was to continue what we started last year by opening up the view of the park and this work wasn't completed due to the fact that the City did not have the proper equipment. Safety was another factor. Continued park development with a multi-use path is what Mark Easterling added.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m. with Christine Ardley making the motion to adjourn and Scott Kirby seconding it. All in favor (8-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Ivan
Street Tree Commission

Next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2024.