

Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission

Meeting Held February 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM

Scott Kirby, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call taken and those in attendance are: Scott Kirby, Mike Deal, Jim Hagen, Rob Ross, Kali Sawaya, Dan Ledyard and Christine Ardley. Mark Easterling was late.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 4, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Jim Hagen made the motion to accept the February 5, 2024 meeting minutes and Christine Ardley second the motion. All in favor (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Both Scott Kirby and Christine Ardley accepted their previous Chairman and Vice Chairman roles for 2024.

Select Arbor Day Chairman

Jim Hagen accepted the Chairman role and Kali Sawaya offered to co-chair.

Jim Hagen drafted a letter to be sent to Superintendent Tom Hosler and the school principals. In order for him to send the letter, the Commission needs to decide where we are going to hold Arbor day this year as well as the time. The date is always the last Friday in April which is the 26th. Jim Hagen mentioned that Municipal park hasn't been touched for several years and in case of rain, we could always use the Recreation Building. Discussed and decided Municipal Park will be the location on Friday, April 26th at 2:00 p.m.

Kali Sawaya said she will check with a local bakery to see if they would like to donate cookies/cupcakes for the winners.

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Dan Ledyard reported 508 Christmas trees were picked up and chipped.

Start Thinking of Street Tree Budget Issues for Next Year

Rob Ross has until July to submit his budget. He asked the Commission to give him any ideas by June. Discussion then ensued regarding Fall planting. At the Urban Forestry Conference, Woody Warehouse Nursery gave a presentation about their trees (they grow the seeds in a bag). Are we interested in pursuing this idea asked Kali Sawaya? We could buy a few for specific locations. Dan Ledyard and Mark Easterling are both on board with it. Three Meadows is a possible location. For freight charges,

talk to other communities to get a full load.

Street trees for the developments will be happening in the Fall of 2024.

Dan Ledyard suggests a full update of tree tracker in 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Plantings Update

Dan Ledyard reported 107 trees for Fall planting. Many of the 2022 plantings were replacement trees. Water bags will be added soon.

Street Tree Commission Report

Nothing to report on this today. Dan Ledyard will check to see which committee we can go in front of.

Tree City USA Recertifications and Growth Award Application

Dan Ledyard said we have not heard anything yet. We had our application sent back asking us to re-adjust our numbers as the new system doesn't allow brush and leaf services to be included any longer.

Prunings/Removal Report

172 removals, 674 trims and 122 plantings for 2023 were reported by Dan Ledyard. For the month of December, there were 9 removals, 150 trims and 508 Christmas trees recycled.

City Wide Leaf Pick Up Update

Was not prepared to give this number. Will report it next month.

Street Tree Commission Ordinance Update

The ordinances that were submitted were approved at the City Council meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Brookhaven subdivision and the Library trees will be checked on in March/April by Dan Ledyard and Scott Kirby.

Arbor Day guest speaker idea could possibly be a birding speaker. There is a local resident that we could reach out to.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Ivan
Street Tree Commission

Next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2024