

Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission

Meeting Held March 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM

Scott Kirby, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Visitors: Kathleen Gibson (non resident), Judy Lang (Country Garden Club) and Colleen McGoldrick (Country Garden Club).

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 5, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

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

NEW BUSINESS

Kathleen Gibson Streetscape Trees

Kathleen Gibson, Perrysburg Township resident, wanted to share her thoughts regarding the Streetscape plans. She is upset that we will be removing all the trees. She had copies of information that she passed out to all committee members.

Scott Kirby and Rob Ross both told the group that there has been no set of plans brought to this committee to look at and approve. Rob Ross said they just recently put together a design team and a committee is forming which will include a Street Tree Commission member as well as a member or two from the County Garden Club.

Dan Ledyard said there were two trees in the Streetscape that were in decline (on the west side by Front Street). Tops are dying and curling. Zelkova are not a good downtown tree. They are split halfway down the trunk. Dan Ledyard did some trimming himself and it was making a mess.

Jim Hagen commented that it would cost a lot of money to try to save the trees. We have a chance for infrastructure to change. These trees had a useful life.

470 Wolf Creek Court Street Trees

Dan Ledyard stated that these are very nice crab apple trees and we trimmed them last November. They may have froze hard and dropped the berries. The homeowner is willing to cut down and replace. Mike Deal stated that the removal of these trees does not meet the criteria for removal. Maybe we can bump up on tree trimming these. Scott Kirby made the motion to deny removal and replacement and Mike Deal seconded the

motion. All in favor (7-0).

Remove Tree Bags from Previous Two Year Plantings

Dan Ledyard said he fell behind on this. Better push on this in the Fall.

OLD BUSINESS

Start Thinking of Street Tree Budget Issues for Next Year

Rob Ross stated that they are looking at considering moving the budget process to later in the year.

Street Tree Commission Report

Scott Kirby offered to give the report at a City Council meeting. Dan Ledyard and Greg Kuhr would put numbers together and then share them with Scott Kirby. Kali Sawaya said they are more than welcome to use her report she gave at her Tree Academy presentation. Rob Ross asked Kali Sawaya to email it to all of us.

Tree City USA Recertification and Growth Award Application

Dan Ledyard said he has not heard anything at this point.

Prunings/Removal Report

Dan Ledyard reported 31 removals and 168 trims. Getting ready to get back into the neighborhoods. Louisiana Avenue trimming underway - they are about halfway completed. City crews are finishing up the bird streets. They will then move into the older part of town in 2024. Hoping the request to purchase a stump grinder passes. This would enable us to do this work in-house.

City Wide Leaf Pick Up Update

Dan Ledyard reported 555 loads at 11,100 yards.

Arbor Day Progress

Jim Hagen reported that letters went out and he will remind them before Spring break. Shannon at Next Day Sign will send the quote so we can get her a Purchase Order.

Kali Sawaya spoke with Mike Stewart, the "Falconer" who is a resident. His bird did not return, so he is not able to speak this year but is open to do this another time.

Christine Ardley will contact Jim Whitter, from Wood County, to see if he would like to speak at Arbor Day.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m. with Scott Kirby

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Ivan
Street Tree Commission

Next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2024