

## **Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission**

**Meeting Held April 1, 2024**

### **CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Marie Dunn, City Public Information Officer, was present.

### **APPROVAL OF MARCH 4, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

Jim Hagen made the motion to approve the March 4, 2024 meeting minutes and Scott Kirby second the motion. All in favor (6-0).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **City Wide Brush Pick-Up Begins**

Rob Ross announced that spring brush pick up begins today on the west side of town and they will work their way east. We will suspend street tree work during this time. Should take 2 to 2-1/2 weeks to complete.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Street Tree Commission Report**

Rob Ross will get Scott Kirby on the agenda to present to City Council at the May 7th meeting. Scott Kirby said he would go over the Tree City information and use the numbers and information from Kali Sawaya's report she did for her presentation at the Tree Academy. Rob Ross said Kali Sawaya did a great job at putting her report together.

#### **Tree City USA and Growth Award Program**

The following individuals will be attending the Awards program in Defiance, Ohio on April 17, 2024: Scott Kirby, Jim Hagen, Christine Ardley, Kali Sawaya, Dan Ledyard, Rob Ross and Joe Fawcett.

#### **Prunings/Removal Report**

Rob Ross gave the report of 132 trims, 43 removals and 130 water bags were attached to the 2023 street trees. The crews removed 140 tree bags from the 2022 plantings and still more have to be removed.

Dan Ledyard presented to the Service Committee last week to order a stump grinder

and it was well received. The one we presently have is 18 years old and still working. Our staff will do the stump work and we will not have to wait for outside help.

### **Arbor Day Progress**

Jim Hagen laid out the winning posters for all to see! Christine Ardley has a birding speaker set up from Wood County. Arbor Day will be celebrated at Municipal Park on April 26th. First choice for the Arbor Day tree is a Chinkapin Oak or an Hybrid Elm. Unfortunately, the Mayor will not be able to attend. Kali Sawaya cannot find a bakery to donate cookies. Discussed whether we need to set a precedence with this as there could be trash from wrappers that would need to be cleaned up and then what about food allergies. We will discuss this again next year. Marie Dunn suggested a trinket rather than food. Then ideas started popping.

Jim Hagen will reach out to the schools confirming the date, place and time as well as the winners.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mark Easterling said at the next meeting we will have to create Street Tree plans for 2 locations: Coventry Plat 3 and Fountain Pointe Villas.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m. with Kali Sawaya making the motion to adjourn and Jim Hagen seconding it. All in favor (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Ivan  
Street Tree Commission

Next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2024