

Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission

Meeting Held November 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM

Scott Kirby, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Visitor: Tom Haar, City Staff Engineer.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 7, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Jim Hagen made the motion to approve the October 7, 2024 meeting minutes and Mark Easterling second the motion. All in favor (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Stakes and Any Wrapping (pipe) from Previous Years' Plantings should be Scheduled for Removal

Dan Ledyard stated that this task will be completed shortly.

OLD BUSINESS

City Wide Leaf Pick Up Update

We are on the third round and the feeling is the season should end pretty quickly. One leaf vacuum was down but will be sending out 12 people.

ODNR Northwest Ohio Urban Forestry Seminar Update

We will meet at the Department of Public Service at 7:15 a.m. to determine who will ride with who. Jim Hagen stated that he and Judy Hagen will be riding together and will meet everyone there.

Tree City USA Recertification and Growth Award Application

Continuing to work on the applications to meet the deadline.

Discussion of Fall Planting/Winter Pruning

Per Dan Ledyard, fall planting has not started yet with North Branch. There should be about 80 trees in this planting. The Engineering Division worked on a project on Third Street that requires 13 trees to be planted there.

Riverford Plat 11 Street Tree Selection Discussion

This topic tabled as we ran out of time to discuss.

Uptown Street Tree Assessment Update

Dan Ledyard said the newest update submission is for Serviceberries in place of Dogwoods at Indiana Avenue. Mark Easterling said not to box in the tree - keep sides open. Needs to be ground level and then Brody Walters will talk further.

Seat walls are permanent structures. No green space from street to sidewalk. Scott Kirby looked at the design and he feels it will be a maintenance nightmare for the Department of Public Service.

City Administration to listen to everyone and they are watching the budget.

Rob Ross posed this thought to the committee: we should select the type of tree the Commission prefers along with the life expectancy, cost, etc. and show what it would look like. Then show them if you want small trees or medium size trees, this is what you get along with the life expectancy, cost, etc.

The City of Bryan did a great job and Dan Ledyard said he reached out to a contact from Bryan and did not get a call back.

On Wednesday, November 13th there will be an open house scheduled. Option 1 will show what they are proposing and answers for their proposal and Option 2 our thoughts/recommendations. Possibly discuss with other cities at the Urban Forestry Seminar as well as Stephanie Miller, ODNR Urban Forester.

Prunings/Removal Report

Dan Ledyard reported 18 removals (some dead trees and a few Streetscape), 28 prunings, 52 stump removals and 15 storm damage pick ups.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dan Ledyard reviewed the plans for the Ft. Meigs ditch project and had 1 tree species change from Red Maple to a Hackberry and Tom Haar responded that Brian Thomas was good with this.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. with Rob Ross making the motion to adjourn and Mark Easterling seconding it. All in favor (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Ivan
Street Tree Commission

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2025.