

Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission

Meeting Held February 3, 2025

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM

Scott Kirby, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 6, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Mike Deal made the motion to approve the January 6, 2025 meeting minutes and Christine Ardley second the motion. All in favor (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Arbor Day Progress

Jim Hagen and Kali Sawaya both accepted to share the planning of Arbor Day. It was decided that Rivercrest Park would be the location for Arbor Day. Rob Ross will check with Lauren Rush, Storm Water Technician, on the timing of the Fort Meigs ditch area project. Would like Lauren Rush to be the speaker at Arbor Day and talk about the Ft. Meigs ditch project. Jim Hagen will send the letter to all the schools involved and Kali Sawaya will reserve the park shelter. Dan Ledyard will check out the park and make recommendations at the next meeting as to the species of tree he recommends. The Country Garden Club will be contacted.

Tree City USA and Growth Award Letter to Mayor

Dan Ledyard stated that the Mayor will be receiving the letter stating we once again received both awards and where and when the program will be held.

Start Thinking of Street Tree Budget Issues for Next Year

Rob Ross stated that he puts his budget together in July.

OLD BUSINESS

Select Arbor Day Chair and Vice Chair

Both Jim Hagen and Kali Sawaya accepted to co-chair the Arbor Day event.

Discussion of Fall Planting/Winter Pruning Update

Fall planting is still going on with North Branch stated Dan Ledyard. Dan Ledyard's crews started back up with trimming.

Riverford Plat 11 Street Tree Selection Discussion

Dan Ledyard wants to check out this area as well as Coventry Plat 4 and will choose trees and present them at the next meeting. Jim Hagen suggests that we think about groupings of trees ahead of time.

Street Tree Plans for Coventry Plat 4

Dan Ledyard wants to check out this area as well as Riverford Plat 11 and will choose trees and present them at the next meeting.

Street Tree Plans for Sanctuary and Sanctuary in the Woods

It was decided as a whole to hold off for a few months on these two locations. These are developer trees.

Uptown Street Tree Assessment Update

Dan Ledyard met with Tim Bockbrader, Edge. In the 300 block of Louisiana, boxes will be raised 18" off the ground. There will be 6 boxes with two trees in each and 4 boxes with one tree each. Suggestions for the 1 tree would be the Lace Bark Elm and the 2 trees in one box would be Armstrong Maples. Right now, the colors are mostly yellow.

Dan Ledyard will give a better update at the next meeting. He will get a copy of the final design. Think about large tree species (up to 50'). At the next meeting, the final design species will be selected.

Pruning/Removal Report

There were 63 trims, 6 removals and 19 stumps removed per Dan Ledyard.

Report on Christmas Tree Recycling Program

421 Christmas trees were picked up curbside. We have seen a steady decline the last few years. We noticed a truck with a trailer picking up Christmas trees before our scheduled week of tree pick up.

Tree City USA and Growth Award Update

Dan Ledyard explained to the Commission that the City of Perrysburg did receive the Tree City Award as well as the Growth Award once again.

OTHER BUSINESS

Report on Christmas tree recycling

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 with Rob Ross 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 Monday, March 3, 2025