

TREE COMMISSION

March 16, 2009

The March 16, 2009 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in Council Chambers by John Walker, Acting Chairman. Tree Commission members present were Jim Geary, Judi Lambrite, and John Walker. Sara Lou Brown and Denise Clark were absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Randy Moore, Parks Manager; and Sarah Molnar, Clerk.

The minutes of the January 12, 2009 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Mr. Moore presented a quote totaling \$4,379.00 from North Branch Nursery, Inc., Pemberville, Ohio, for the purchase of fifty-five trees for spring plantings throughout the City.

A motion was made by Mr. Geary, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the quote of \$4,379.00 from North Branch Nursery for the purchase of fifty-five trees for spring plantings within the City. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Acting Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Moore stated that the deterioration of the historic Liberty American Elm, estimated to be approximately 250 years old and located within the tree lawn at 438 South Seventh Street, is a concern. Mrs. Stephanie Miller, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Urban Forester, was asked to inspect the tree. Mrs. Miller submitted a letter to Mr. Moore recommending the removal of this tree due to the amount of structural and branch decay in the crown. Bill Sowers Tree Service and Nursery and Oberlanders Tree and Landscape were also asked to inspect the tree and both companies noted that damage and decay were observed. Quotes were received as follows for the removal of this tree:

Bill Sowers Tree Service and Nursery Sycamore, Ohio	-	\$7,700.00
Oberlanders Tree and Landscape Bucyrus, Ohio	-	\$2,300.00

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Lambrite, to approve the quote of \$2,300.00 submitted by Oberlanders Tree and Landscape for the removal of the historic Liberty American Elm located at 438 South Seventh Street. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Acting Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Moore presented a list of eighteen tree and stump removal and eleven hazard pruning locations. Mr. Moore will obtain quotes for the work with each tree priced separately and proceed with the necessary work.

The annual Tree City USA Awards Program will be held in Ada, Ohio on Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Reservations will be submitted for those planning to attend.

It was noted that the City's annual Arbor Day program will be held on Friday, April 17, 2009 in Stepping Stones Park.

There being no further business, the Acting Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Sarah J. Molnar, Clerk

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John Walker, Acting Chairman