

TREE COMMISSION

March 15, 2010

The March 15, 2010 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in Council Chambers. Tree Commission members present were Sara Lou Brown, Jim Geary, Judi Lambrite, and Don Spiegel. John Walker was absent.

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

The minutes of the January 11, 2010 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Mr. Moore reported that he continues to work on the removal of ash trees located within the City right-of-ways. The City is also considering filing an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry to assist with the removal of approximately one hundred (100) ash trees. City Council will be voting tomorrow on the second reading and possible adoption of Resolution No. 20-12, authorizing the filing of this application. The City will apply for \$20,000.00 funding from ODNR, and will match that grant, if awarded, with \$20,000.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Geary, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, to request City Council to approve Resolution No. 20-12 and proceed with filing a grant application with ODNR. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mayor Washburn reported that Bridgestone APM Company has expressed an interest in contributing towards green projects within the City. The company has offered to sponsor this year's annual Arbor Day Program by donating the Arbor Day tree to be planted along with approximately ten trees to be planted in Stepping Stones Park. Bridgestone APM representatives will be attending and participating in the program. Mayor Washburn indicated that Bridgestone APM may possibly continue to support tree plantings in Stepping Stones Park.

The 2010 Arbor Day Program will be held in Stepping Stones Park on Monday, May 3, 2010.

The 2010 Tree City USA Awards Program will take place on Wednesday, April 21 in Ottawa, Ohio. Tree Commission members will be contacted to determine who will be attending.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Sara Lou Brown, Chairman