

TREE COMMISSION

June 20, 2011

The June 20, 2011 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in Council Chambers by Sara Lou Brown, Chairman. Tree Commission members present were Sara Lou Brown, Jim Geary, Judi Lambrite, Don Spiegel, and John Walker.

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

The minutes of the April 18, 2011 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Tree Commission members reviewed sample ordinances provided by Mrs. Stephanie Miller, Urban Forester, and compared the information to existing City ordinances. Mr. Geary suggested several changes to the City's landscaping regulations section of undesirable deciduous trees be considered if changes are going to be made to the City's regulations. Tree Commission members agreed to table further action on this issue.

Mr. Geary reported a hanging tree limb in St. Pete's cemetery. Mr. Moore will contact the caretaker of the cemetery concerning this matter.

Mr. Moore reported that the City has received an extension for the final inspection to complete the Emerald Ash Borer grant due to wet weather conditions. It was noted that all trees have been planted as part of the grant.

Mrs. Brown presented a news release received concerning an attack on maple trees due to an infestation of the Asian Longhorned Beetle. Mrs. Brown indicated that Buckeye trees are also susceptible to this insect.

Mr. Jim Geary announced his resignation from the Tree Commission effective June 21, 2011. Tree Commission members accepted Mr. Geary's resignation and thanked him for his service to the Tree Commission.

Mr. John Walker asked Mr. Moore to inquire with Mrs. Stephanie Miller, Urban Forester, concerning the reason for pine trees located along highways and at golf courses to be dying.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Sara Lou Brown, Chairman