

TREE COMMISSION

March 21, 2011

The March 21, 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, and Don Spiegel. John Walker was absent.

Others present were: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Stephanie Miller, Ohio Division of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Forestry; Jason Dezurik; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the January 10, 2011 Tree Commission minutes, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Mr. Jason Dezurik addressed the Tree Commission on behalf of several concerned citizens who are interested in raising money to purchase trees for planting following the American Electric Power (AEP) recent tree trimmings and removals throughout the City. Mr. Dezurik explained that the residents concerns about the trees being trimmed and removed include the loss of shade, regrowth, and possibility of the trimmed trees dying. It was noted that the City has received many complaints about the work performed by contractors hired by AEP, however due to the utility easement for the electric lines the City cannot control the work being performed. Mrs. Stephanie Miller, ODNR Division of Forestry, addressed planting and maintenance concerns and suggested the City consider the development of a master planting and management plan.

The development of a Community Tree Ordinance was discussed. The City's Tree Commission Rules and Regulations were reviewed. Mrs. Miller will provide a draft of an ordinance that could be adopted by the City.

It was noted that the 2011 Tree City USA Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 in Bowling Green. Mayor Washburn and Mr. Spiegel will be attending. Mr. Moore and Mr. Walker will be contacted to determine if they will be attending.

Tree Commission members reviewed a request from Ms. Jennifer Richmond for trees to be planted adjacent to the dog park in Water Works Park. It was noted that this request will be discussed with Mr. Randy Moore, Parks Manager.

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