

TREE COMMISSION

January 14, 2013

The January 14, 2013 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, Linda Geary, Judi Lambrite, and Don Spiegel. Jim Wheeler was absent.

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

The minutes of the October 15, 2012 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Mr. Moore reported that reimbursement from FEMA will be received as a result of the storm that occurred in 2012, after the submission of additional supporting documents.

Mrs. Geary reported that the Tree Commission Academy graduation will take place on January 30, 2013, with the final day for the senior class scheduled for Friday, January 18, 2013. Mrs. Geary noted that Mrs. Stephanie Miller, Urban Forester, spent a day in October in Upper Sandusky helping Mrs. Geary finish her project that included a street tree inventory of a specific area of the City and soil testing to determine appropriate tree species to be planted in those sites. Mrs. Brown, on behalf of the Tree Commission, congratulated Mrs. Geary for her accomplishment in completing the Tree Commission Academy.

It was noted that Tree Commission members have received invitations to the Tree Commission Academy graduation ceremony where Mrs. Geary will be graduating.

Mr. Moore reported that Park Department employees are trimming trees as needed. It was noted that Bill Sowers Tree Service was hired for removals and hazard prunings following Hurricane Sandy that hit the east coast in October. It was also noted that Mr. Mike Schoenberger, Schoenberger Tree Service, is upset with the City because he feels he should be able to do all of the tree work within the City and he will not return phone calls from the City.

Mrs. Geary inquired about the small trees that were planted last year. Mr. Moore noted that some of the newly planted trees were lost due to the dry weather and stress even though the Park Department employees watered all of these trees throughout the summer.

At this time Mayor Washburn swore in Sara Lou Brown and Linda Geary as reappointed members of the Tree Commission.

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