

TREE COMMISSION

April 21, 2014

The April 21, 2014 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Sara Lou Binau, Chairman. Tree Commission members present were Sara Lou Binau, Linda Geary, Don Spiegel, and Jim Wheeler. Judi Lambrite was absent.

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

The minutes of the March 17, 2014 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

It was noted that the City's Arbor Day program will be held on Friday, April 25, 2014 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Stepping Stones Park. The Buckeye tree to be planted will be dedicated in memory of Mr. Bob Steiert. A representative from Angeline will be asked to attend and speak about Mr. Steiert.

Mrs. Binau reported that Mrs. DeAnn Funkhouser, Creative Expressions, is currently working on designing a Memorial Tree Donation form for the City of Upper Sandusky.

Mrs. Geary reported that representatives from the City attended the Tree City USA Awards Program in Kenton, Ohio on Wednesday, April 9, 2014. Mrs. Geary indicated that an inquiry was made with Mrs. Stephanie Miller concerning the possibility of the City sponsoring a future Tree City USA Awards Program and Mrs. Miller indicated that 2018 is the first opening for this program. Mrs. Geary also noted that she obtained Tree Tracker software information from one of the vendors at the Tree City USA Awards Program which could assist the City in keeping a tree inventory and documenting all tree work. The cost of the Tree Tracker software is \$1,800.00. Mr. Moore indicated that he is having Mr. Matt Patchett, Park Department employee, research the software.

Mrs. Geary stated that in keeping with her late husband's wishes The James W. Geary and Linda L. Geary Endowment Fund for Upper Sandusky Parks and Urban Forestry has been established. Mayor Washburn explained that the fund will be overseen by the Wyandot Community Foundation and the City may apply for available annual distributions, according the Foundation's spending guidelines, for the purposes of developing, preserving, supporting, promoting, and enhancing the parks and urban forestry program of the City of Upper Sandusky.

Mr. Moore reported that a total of sixty three (63) trees have been ordered for planting throughout the City with thirty-seven (37) of those trees already planted and twenty-six (26) trees to be delivered tomorrow. The total cost for the trees is \$7,459.00.

Mayor Washburn reported that the City has planted two trees in Bicentennial Park in honor of Mr. Kenneth McMillan's retirement from the City as the Zoning Inspector and in memory of Mr. James Geary who served on the City's Park Board and prior to his service on the Park Board he served on the Tree Commission.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Sara Lou Binau, Chairman