

TREE COMMISSION

October 20, 2014

The October 20, 2014 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Don Spiegel, Acting Chairman. Tree Commission members present were Judi Lambrite and Don Spiegel. Sara Lou Binau and Jim Wheeler were absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Matt Patchett, Parks Department; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the August 18, 2014 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Mr. Patchett reported on information requested at the August 18, 2014 Tree Commission meeting concerning the cost of plaques for trees donated to the City. The cost of each plaque is included in the cost of a memorial tree. The individuals paying for a memorial trees order the plaques and the Parks Department employees set the bronze plaques in concrete. Artistic Bronze is the company that is recommended to individuals and the cost of an 8" x 11" plaque with three lines of text is \$245.00. Mr. Patchett noted that the City did purchase plaques for City employees who have retired and had trees planted in their honor.

Mr. Patchett also reported on four recent tree removals within the City.

Parks Department employees, Matt Patchett, Darlene Levering, and John Pool, will be attending a tree academy on November 6, 2014 in Bluffton, Ohio.

Mr. Patchett indicated that he would like to attend the tree academy freshmen class in Findlay, Ohio on January 22 and 23, 2015. Mayor Washburn can authorize this training.

Mr. Spiegel reported on a complaint received of a tree planted on Front Street by the City that had been cut down. Mr. Spiegel will contact Mr. Patchett with the address.

Mayor Washburn indicated that a property owner on South Eighth Street cut down a street tree recently without permission and that individual will be billed for the replacement of that tree.

It was noted that the Parks Department is looking for locations for tree plantings to take place in the spring of 2015.

Parks Department employees are currently trimming street trees throughout the City.

Parks Department employees have placed tile around the smaller trees located in Stepping Stones Park to prevent damage caused by deer eating the trees through the winter months.

It was noted that Mrs. Linda Geary has submitted her resignation as a member of the Tree Commission as she has moved away. Mayor Washburn noted that Mrs. Geary had indicated that she would like to make a donation to the City towards the development of a tree inventory.

Tree Commission members reviewed the meeting schedule for 2015 with meeting to be held on the following dates: January 12, March 16, April 20, June 15, August 17, and October 19. In the event that one of these meetings is cancelled a meeting will be held on November 16.

There being no quorum, the meeting adjourned.

Sarah Bennett, Clerk

Don Spiegel, Acting Chairman