

## TREE COMMISSION

March 16, 2015

The March 16, 2015 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, Judi Lambrite, and Don Spiegel. Jim Wheeler was absent.

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

The minutes of the October 14, 2014 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Tree Commission members reviewed a sample tree memorial envelope to be made available in funeral homes for those individuals who want a memorial tree planted in one of the City's parks. The cost for a memorial tree was discussed and it was decided that this should be set at \$150.00 and that would not include the expense for a tree plaque which could be purchased for an additional cost. Mrs. Binau indicated that Mrs. Deann Funkhouser, Creative Expressions, can provide 500 of these envelopes at a cost of \$168.00 or a better quality envelope could be provided at a cost of \$249.10.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mrs. Lambrite, to approve the expenditure of \$249.10 for 500 tree memorial envelopes. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

It was noted that the City's annual Arbor Day Program will be held on Friday, April 24, 2015 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Stepping Stones Park.

The Tree City USA Award Event will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at the Museum of Science at the Toledo Zoo. Mayor Washburn and Mr. Spiegel will be attending and the Parks Department employees will be asked if they are interested in attending.

Mr. Patchett indicated that the Parks Department is looking for street trees within the community that are in need of removal or pruning.

Mr. Patchett reported that he recently completed the tree academy freshmen class and he will be participating in the sophomore class next week.

The following matters discussed at the October 20, 2014 Tree Commission were again reviewed:

- The property owner on South Eighth Street who cut down a street tree without permission will be reimbursing the City for the replacement of that tree.
- Mr. Randy Moore, Parks Manager, is handling the complaint received of a tree planted on Front Street by the City that had been cut down by a property owner.
- Mayor Washburn has been attempting to contact Mrs. Linda Geary regarding her indication that she would like to make a donation to the City towards the development of a tree inventory.

Mrs. Binau explained the application process for the James W. Geary and Linda L. Geary Endowment Fund for Upper Sandusky Parks and Urban Forestry established through the Wyandot Community Foundation.

It was noted that the optional Tree Commission meeting scheduled for November 16, 2015 will be necessary as the January meeting was cancelled.

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 Binau, Chairman