

TREE COMMISSION

March 21, 2016

The March 21, 2016 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Sara Lou Binau. Tree Commission members present were Sara Lou Binau and John Walker. Judi Lambrite and Don Spiegel were absent.

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

It was noted that the 2016 Tree City USA Awards Program will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 in West Unity, Ohio. Registration for representatives from the City that will be attending will be submitted.

The City's Arbor Day Program will be held on Friday, April 29, 2016 in Stepping Stones Park beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that he and Mr. Matt Patchett, Parks Department employee, have driven thru the entire City and made a list of street tree planting sites. There are one hundred three (103) potential planting sites and stakes will be placed at all sites. Mr. Niederkohr noted that a "do not plant list" will be established for residents who do not want trees planted in their street lawn. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that he would like to return to a spring planting only for trees and eliminate the fall planting. Mr. Niederkohr will be ordering trees soon for street tree plantings, memorial trees, and a tree for the City's Arbor Day Program.

Mr. Niederkohr indicated that three street trees were removed recently. Those trees were located on North Sandusky Avenue, South Hazel Street, and South Eighth Street.

Plans for the 2018 Tree City USA Awards Program to be hosted in Upper Sandusky were discussed. It was noted that Trinity Evangelical Church, located on Malabar Drive, has been discussed as the location for the event. Mrs. Binau requested Mrs. Stephanie Miller, Urban Forester, attend a future Tree Commission meeting to discuss details of the event including a possible date.

There being no quorum, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Sara Lou Binau, Chairman