

TREE COMMISSION

April 17, 2017

The April 17, 2017 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 Roxie Karg, Don Spiegel, and John Walker. Sara Lou Binau and Judi Lambrite were absent.

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

The minutes of the March 20, 2017 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

It was noted that registration has been submitted for those representatives from the City who will be attending the 2017 Tree City USA Awards Program to be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at Lakeside, Ohio.

It was also noted that the City's Arbor Day Program will be held on Friday, April 28, 2017 in Stepping Stones Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that a Colorado Blue Spruce will be planted as part of the program.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that he checked with North Branch Nursery, Pemberville, Ohio, last week on the availability of trees to be planted in the street tree lawns and in the parks. Sixty (60) trees have been ordered at a cost of \$9,568.00 for spring planting and they will be delivered during the second or third week of May.

Mr. Niederkohr also reported that there may be local grant funding available in June or July, in addition to the Geary Fund, to assist with the purchase of sixty-five (65) banners to be hung in the downtown area identifying the City as a Tree City USA, as previously discussed at the March 20, 2017 Tree Commission meeting.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Don Spiegel, Acting Chairman