

TREE COMMISSION

March 19, 2018

The March 19, 2018 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, Roxie Karg, Judi Lambrite, Don Spiegel, and John Walker.

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

The minutes of the January 8, 2018 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as amended.

Discussion was held concerning plans for the 2018 Northwest Ohio Tree City USA Awards Program to be hosted by the City on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. It was noted that one hundred ninety (190) invitations were sent to current and aspiring Tree City USA communities, ODNR officials, guests, and vendors, with registration due April 1, 2018. Mrs. Binau indicated that she has ordered the coffee for the event from Beca House and Hemy Water will be donating thirty (30) cases of water. Ms. Karg and Mr. Walker reported on contacts they both made for door prize donations. Mr. Niederkohr presented the banners to be hung in the downtown recognizing the City as a Tree City USA. Funding for the sixty (60) banners was obtained from the Geary Fund and from the Community Grant.

Mrs. Binau reported that she and Mr. Niederkohr have been working to update the Park brochure.

Plans for the annual Arbor Day Program were discussed. It was noted that Arbor Day in Ohio is Friday, April 27, 2018, and it was also noted that the schools have proficiency testing that day. Tree Commission members agreed to hold the Arbor Day Program on Monday, April 30, 2018 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Duck Pond Park. A spruce tree will be planted this year. Mr. Niederkohr has obtained permission for the school buses to park in the Steer Barn parking lot.

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