

TREE COMMISSION

October 15, 2018

The October 15, 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, Tim Griffin, Judi Lambrite, and John Walker. Roxie Karg was absent.

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

The minutes of the August 20, 2018 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Mr. Niederkohr indicated that there should be an upcoming Tree Commission Academy in Findlay or Ada and he will inform Mr. Griffin and Mrs. Mouser, as discussed at the August 20, 2018 Tree Commission meeting.

Tree Commission members reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for 2019 with meetings to be held on the following dates: January 14, March 18, April 15, June 17, August 19, and October 21. In the event that one of these meetings is cancelled a meeting will be held on November 18.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Lambrite, to approve the 2019 Tree Commission meeting dates as proposed. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that he was contacted many months ago by an Upper Sandusky School Board member requesting that the row of Bald Cypress trees located along the south side of West Finley Street, between North Warpole Street and North Hazel Street, be removed due to the mess the needles from these trees create in the stone that was placed near the trees on the school's bus garage property. Mr. Niederkohr stated that the trees are healthy and he denied this request. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that this school board member approached him again recently and stated that the school would be willing to pay half of the cost for the removal of these trees, and Mr. Niederkohr again denied the request. Tree Commission members indicated that it is not the practice of the Tree Commission to authorize the removal of healthy trees.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Lambrite, to deny the request for the removal of the Bald Cypress trees located along the south side of West Finley Street, between North Warpole Street and North Hazel Street, as the removal of healthy trees it is not the practice of the Tree Commission. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Niederkohr also reported that the flowers in the pots in the downtown area are beginning to die due to the cold weather and the Parks Department employees will soon be pulling these flowers.

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