

TREE COMMISSION

January 13, 2020

The January 13, 2020 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by John Walker, Acting Chairman. Tree Commission members present were Roxie Karg, Bill Thornton, 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 October 21, 2019 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Tree Commission members reviewed the following revised meeting schedule for 2020: January 13, March 16, April 20, June 15, August 17, and October 19; and in the event that one of these meetings is cancelled a meeting will be held on November 16. It was noted that the date of the June meeting was listed wrong in the information received by the Tree Commission at their October 21, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that the Parks Department is in the process of trimming low hanging branches on street trees throughout the City. This work on the north/south streets is nearly completed, the east/west streets will be addressed next, followed by the subdivisions.

It was noted that new street trees were ordered and delivered in the fall, and planting of these trees was completed.

It was also noted that the City's Tree City USA recertification application was completed and submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry and The National Arbor Day Foundation in December 2019.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that Mrs. Natalie Mouser and Mr. Andy Wieging, Parks Department employees, will be attending a two-day Freshman Tree Commission Academy on January 29 and 30, 2020 in Tiffin, Ohio. The Tree Commission Academy addresses urban forestry and teaches participants about tree selection, how to properly trimming trees, and how to interact with the public.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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John Walker, Acting Chairman