

TREE COMMISSION

March 16, 2020

The March 16, 2020 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, Bill Thornton, and John Walker.

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

The minutes of the January 13, 2020 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

It was noted that prior to the Upper Sandusky Schools being dismissed due to concerns of the coronavirus the schools had indicated that Monday, April 27, 2020 would work best with their schedule for the City's annual Arbor Day Program. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that a Bosque Elm has been ordered for the event to be planted at a site near the pavilion in Bicentennial Park. The status of the event is currently unknown and will be discussed again at the April 20, 2020 Tree Commission meeting.

Tree Commission members reviewed a notice from the Arbor Day Foundation congratulating the City on earning recognition as a 2019 Tree City USA.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that Mrs. Natalie Mouser and Mr. Andy Wiegand, Parks Department employees, completed the Freshman Tree Commission Academy in January. They were enrolled in the Sophomore Tree Commission Academy that was to be held in Tiffin, Ohio on April 1 and 2, 2020, but that class has been postponed due to the coronavirus.

It was also noted that the annual Tree City USA Awards Program that was scheduled to be held on May 6, 2020 in Bowling Green, Ohio has been postponed due to the coronavirus.

Mr. Niederkohr presented a City map indicating streets and subdivisions where the Parks Department trimmed trees with low hanging branches that hung into the streets. The project took three months to complete, approximately fifty to sixty workdays. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that the next phase will address low hanging branches in alleys and along sidewalks.

Mr. Niederkohr presented a quote from Tackett's Fence to repair a section of fence located at Rotary Field in Harrison Smith Park as a large tree located near the field fell unexpectedly last week and caused damage to the fence. The quote totaled \$680.00 and addresses the replacement of 30' of 6'h fence, 15' of 4'h fence, 40' of top rail pipe plus caps and sleeves, and the straightening of 2 – 2" line posts. Mrs. Binau indicated that she will present this information to the Rotary Club for possible payment of these repairs.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Sara Lou Binau, Chairman