

TREE COMMISSION

April 20, 2009

The April 20, 2009 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in Council Chambers by Sara Lou Brown, Chairman. Tree Commission members present were Sara Lou Brown, Jim Geary, Judi Lambrite, and John Walker. Denise Clark was absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Randy Moore, Parks Manager; and Sarah Molnar, Clerk.

The minutes of the March 16, 2009 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

It was noted that representatives from the Tree Commission and the City attended the Tree City USA Awards program in Ada, Ohio on Wednesday, April 15, 2009.

It was also noted that the annual Arbor Day Program was held in Stepping Stones Park on Friday, April 17, 2009, with representatives from the Tree Commission and City along with representatives from Soil and Water Conservation and elementary and middle school students participating. A Ruby Red Horse Chestnut tree was planted as part of the program.

Mr. Moore presented quotes received for removals and hazard prunings of street trees throughout the City.

It was noted that the historic Liberty American Elm, located within the tree lawn at 438 South Seventh Street, is currently in the process of being removed. Carmar Gardens is attempting to graph new starts taken from this tree.

It was reported that Mr. John Lortz is willing to carve an Indian out of a section of the historic elm. The cost of this service is \$500.00. Donations are being accepted that will pay for this expense.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Geary, to authorize Mr. Lortz to proceed with the carving of a section of the historic elm. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. John Walker suggested a letter be sent to the River's Edge Association explaining the purpose of Tree City USA and the City's history as a Tree City USA, as members of this association are discouraging the planting of trees in this area. Mrs. Brown will draft a letter.

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

Sarah J. Molnar, Clerk

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