

TREE COMMISSION

August 16, 2010

The August 16, 2010 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 Don Spiegel. John Walker was absent.

Others present included: Randy Moore, Parks Manager; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the June 21, 2010 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Tree Commission members signed a thank you letter to Bridgestone APM Company for their donation towards trees planted in Stepping Stones Park.

It was noted that the City has been awarded the Western Lake Erie Basin Emerald Ash Borer Grant in the amount of \$23,232.00 through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Mr. Moore indicated that preparation for the project has begun.

Mr. Moore presented Tree Commission members a proposed tree removal contract to be used in conjunction with the Emerald Ash Borer Grant. Tree Commission members agreed to review the proposed contract. A special Tree Commission meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 30, 2010 to begin at 11:00 a.m. to discuss any necessary changes and vote on the adoption of the contract. Mr. Mark Ellis will also be asked to review the proposed contract and provide his input.

Mr. Moore presented a request from Mr. Lamar, owner of the billboards located along East Wyandot Avenue across from Harrison Smith Park to remove four trees located along this street that are blocking the view of the billboards. Mr. Lamar has indicated that he is willing to donate trees for planting in other locations selected by the City.

A motion was made by Mr. Geary, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, to allow the removal of four trees, at Mr. Lamar's expense, located along East Wyandot Avenue. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Geary complimented the Parks Department on the trees planted in Stepping Stones Park that were donated by Bridgestone APM Company.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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