

## TREE COMMISSION

October 18, 2010

The October 18, 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, Judi Lambrite, Don Spiegel, and John Walker. Jim Geary was absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Randy Moore, Parks Manager; Chris Bruynis, OSU Extension; Amy Stone, OSU Extension Educator; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the August 16, 2010 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the August 30, 2010 special Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Mr. Chris Bruynis, OSU Extension, introduced Ms. Amy Stone, OSU Extension Educator, who addressed the Tree Commission concerning the educational opportunity that OSU Extension can provide the public in conjunction with the City's grant received for the removal of ash trees. Ms. Stone indicated that she is willing to address the public as well as local civic organizations concerning the benefits of trees and the importance of replanting trees including ecological as well as economic impacts. Tree Commission members suggested Ms. Stone contact the library and Mrs. Brown indicated that she will contact the Rotary to possibly invite Ms. Stone speak. Ms. Stone stated that there is free software available for a street tree inventory. Ms. Stone provided the Tree Commission with educational materials. It was noted that the Asian Long Horn Beetle is expected to be the next insect to cause infestations and damage to maple trees.

Tree Commission members again discussed a request from Mr. Dave Gibson, 547 North Eighth Street, concerning a tree he planted several years ago in the tree lawn that is now girdled, the tree roots are growing in such manner that they are strangling the trunk. It was noted in a letter received from Mr. Jim Geary, Tree Commission member, who spoke with Mr. Gibson and noted that Mr. Gibson has contacted a local nursery and was advised that it would cost an estimated \$225.00 to remedy the problem and if the problem is not corrected it could result in the removal of the tree. Mr. Gibson is requesting the City assist in helping to remedy this problem.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, to split the cost to have a nursery remedy the girdling problem with Mr. Gibson's street tree at a cost to the City of \$112.50. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The following list of possible Tree Commission meeting dates for 2011 was reviewed: January 10, March 21, April 18, June 20, August 15, October 17, and November 21. The November meeting will be held only in the event that one of the other scheduled monthly meetings is cancelled. Meetings are scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Lambrite, to approve the meeting dates for 2010 as presented. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Moore reported that quotes were received as part of the Western Lake Erie Emerald Ash Borer grant awarded the City for the removal of ash trees located within the City right-of-ways, and Oberlander's Tree Service, Bucyrus, Ohio quote was significantly lower than the estimated cost and will allow for the removal of one hundred forty (140), being all of the ash trees located within the City right-of-ways, at a total cost of \$21,248.00. It was noted that eighty (80) trees have been ordered for planting, as part of the grant, from Shady Acres, Orrville, Ohio at a total cost of \$2,925.00, with thirty (30) trees to be planted this fall and fifty (50) trees to be planted in the spring.

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