

TREE COMMISSION

October 17, 2011

The October 17, 2011 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, Linda Geary, Judi Lambrite, Don Spiegel, and John Walker.

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

The minutes of the June 20, 2011 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the August 15, 2011 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Mr. Randy Moore, Parks Manager, reported that Mrs. Stephanie Miller, ODNR Urban Forester, has completed the final inspection for the work performed in the City for the Western Lake Erie Basin Emerald Ash Boer Grant project. The City will be submitting the information necessary for reimbursement under this grant project.

Members reviewed a list of meeting dates for 2012 for the Tree Commission. The dates include: January 9, March 19, April 16, June 18, August 20, and October 15; with a meeting will be held on November 19 in the event that one of the other scheduled monthly meetings is cancelled.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, to approve the list of Tree Commission meeting dates for 2012 as presented. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Moore presented a request from Mr. Bob Halm, 651 Riverview Drive, to remove approximately ten thorn trees believed to be located within the City right-of-way to the rear of his property and adjacent to Stepping Stones Park. It was noted that Mr. Halm has taken care for this area for years and has experienced flat tires on his mower due to the thorns. Mr. Moore requested permission to have the survey pins for the park located to determine what trees are located within the City right-of-way. Mr. Moore will be obtaining quotes for the removal of these trees.

Mrs. Brown reported on the receipt of an email from Mrs. Stephanie Miller, ODNR Urban Forester, concerning upcoming tree workshops for those interested in attending.

Mrs. Brown inquired with Mr. Moore as to the City's policy on residents who do not want trees planted in their tree lawn. Mr. Moore stated that if there are a sufficient number of trees adjacent to the area that the site will be removed from the planting list; however if the area is in need of trees he will discuss the matter with the property owner prior to any plantings. Mr. Moore noted that he will also work with property owners on the type of tree to be planted, if the property owner desires. It was noted that property owners can bring their concern to the Tree Commission if necessary.

Mrs. Geary presented an inquiry from a resident who purchased a memorial tree that was planted in Stepping Stones Park several years ago. Mrs. Geary indicated that the tree donated has died and the resident would like to know if the City will be replacing the tree. It was noted that there is no guarantee on the life of a tree and if the resident would like another tree planted they would have to donate a tree or the funds for another tree to be planted.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Sara Lou Brown, Chairman