

TREE COMMISSION

March 17, 2014

The March 17, 2014 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in Council Chambers by Sara Lou Binau, Chairman. Tree Commission members present were Sara Lou Binau, Judi Lambrite, Linda Geary, and Don Spiegel. Jim Wheeler was absent.

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

The minutes of the January 13, 2014 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Tree Commission members reviewed a Memorial Tree Donation Form from the City of Lima and discussed the possibility of creating a similar form for the City of Upper Sandusky. Mrs. Binau will ask Mrs. DeAnn Funkhouser, Creative Expressions, to design a form for the City. Mr. Moore indicated that tree prices have risen and the current price to purchase a shade tree is approximately \$185.00. It was decided that instead of listing the prices on the form it should say "call for prices" or "visit the City's website for current prices". It was suggested that a picture of a City park be incorporated on the form and/or possibility the City's seal or the Tree City USA symbol. It was further suggested that a line be added to the donor information to include a contact phone number.

Mr. Moore reported that the winter weather has prohibited Park Department employees from being able to do tree work.

Information for the Tree City USA Awards Ceremony to be held in Kenton, Ohio on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 was reviewed. A registration form with the list of those interested in attending will be submitted to the City Auditor for payment.

It was decided that the annual Arbor Day Program will be held on Friday, April 25, 2014 in Stepping Stones Park and a Buckeye tree will be planted.

Mr. Spiegel suggested the time of the Tree Commission meetings be changed to fit within the Clerk's regularly scheduled hours. Members agreed to change the meeting time of the Tree Commission to begin at 2:00 p.m., beginning with the April 21, 2014 meeting.

It was noted that information from the Ohio Department of Agriculture was received concerning upcoming treatment in the area for Gypsy Moths.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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