

TREE COMMISSION

April 20, 2015

The April 20, 2015 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Sara Lou Binau, Chairman. Tree Commission members present were Sara Lou Binau, Judi Lambrite, and Don Spiegel. Jim Wheeler was absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Matt Patchett, Parks Department; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the March 16, 2015 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

The finished tree memorial envelopes were shared and it was noted that they have been delivered to the funeral homes.

The City's annual Arbor Day Program will be held in Stepping Stones Park on Friday, April 24, 2015 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The Tree City USA Awards Program will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at the Toledo Zoo.

Mrs. Binau reported that the City of Upper Sandusky will be hosting the 2018 Tree City USA Awards Program. A location for the event was discussed and it was agreed that Trinity Evangelical Church will be utilized for this purpose.

Mr. Patchett shared a bronze plaque ordered from Artistic Bronze to be placed near a dedicated tree. It was noted that eight plaques were ordered including six for former City employees and two for private citizens.

Mr. Patchett reported that thirty trees were ordered from North Branch Nursery for spring plantings within the City at a cost of \$4,209.00, and those trees will be delivered in the next couple of days including a Yoshino Cherry that will be planted as part of the City's Arbor Day Program.

Mr. Patchett also reported on the following tree work done recently: eight street trees were removed, four trees in Harrison Smith Park were removed, four trees in Bicentennial Park were removed, and six street trees were hazard pruned. The tree work was performed by Bill Sowers at a cost of \$6,525.00 and JD Tree Service at a cost of \$3,200.00.

Mr. Patchett stated that he has completed the Sophomore Class of the Tree Academy and he will be attending the Junior Class in October.

Mayor Washburn reported that Mr. Ed Needs, South Eighth Street, removed street trees without permission last year and stakes placed recently in the tree lawn in front of his home, to designate planting sites for two trees, were removed.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Sara Lou Binau, Chairman