

TREE COMMISSION

April 18, 2016

The April 18, 2016 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 John Walker. Don Spiegel was absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Chairman; Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the November 16, 2016 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the January 11, 2016 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the March 21, 2016 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

It was noted that the City's Arbor Day Program will be held on Friday, April 29, 2016 in Stepping Stones Park beginning at 9:30 a.m. A Blue Spruce will be planted during this year's program.

Representatives from the City will be attending the Tree City USA Awards Program to be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 in West Unity, Ohio.

Mr. Niederkohr indicated that he and Mr. Matt Patchett, Parks Department employee, have made a list of potential street tree planting sites within the City. The list includes one hundred eight (108) planting sites. Mr. Niederkohr noted that seventy (70) sites have been staked for spring planting, which will include fifty-seven (57) maple trees of different varieties.

Mr. Niederkohr stated that he was contacted by a resident of South Eighth Street who has an ornamental tree planted in her tree lawn that she says has not grown and she would like it replaced with a larger tree. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that the existing tree is healthy. Tree Commission members indicated that it is the City's policy not to remove and/or replace healthy trees.

Mr. Niederkohr noted that he was contacted by a resident of North Third Street who lives on a corner lot and has presented him with a plan containing six desired trees and locations for planting within the tree lawn of her property. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that a maximum of three trees should be planted at this location and one tree was ordered to be planted at this location this year. Tree Commission members suggested one tree be ordered next year for planting and another tree be ordered the following year for planting at this location.

Mrs. Binau inquired as to the replacement of the arborvitae that were planted in the pots in the downtown area that were pulled out. Mayor Washburn indicated that the City will replace these arborvitae. Mrs. Binau will order the arborvitae and flowers to be planted in the pots in the downtown and she will coordinate the planting.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Sara Lou Binau, Chairman