

TREE COMMISSION

August 15, 2016

The August 15, 2016 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Don Spiegel, Acting Chairman. Tree Commission members present were Roxie Karg, Don Spiegel, and John Walker. Sara Lou Binau and Judi Lambrite were absent.

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

The minutes of the June 20, 2016 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Ms. Karg inquired with Mr. Niederkohr as to if the curtains being used for privacy at the restrooms in Stepping Stones Park can be replaced with a different type of barricade for privacy, as she has received complaints regarding these curtains. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that some renovations to these restrooms are being planned and he will try to address this matter.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that Underground Utilities, contracted by the City for the Sewer Separation Project currently underway, recently hired Oberlander's Tree Service to trim the street side of overhanging street trees located along Seventh and Eighth Streets so Underground Utilities will be able to move their large track hoe on these streets without having to tear limbs out of these trees.

Mr. Niederkohr also reported that he attended the junior class session of the Tree Academy last Thursday and Friday. Mr. Niederkohr and Mr. Matt Patchett, Parks Department employee, will be attending the senior class session in November, and they will both be graduating from the Tree Academy on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 in Ada, Ohio.

Mr. Niederkohr further reported that Bill Sowers Tree Service will be doing some tree maintenance work for the City soon. The Parks Department employees will be addressing small tree trimming projects with the City in the upcoming future.

It was noted that arborvitae planted in the flower pots in the downtown are being pulled out the of pots by vandals and are dying. Mr. Niederkohr stated that in the future the Parks Department will only be planting flowers in these pots.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Don Spiegel, Acting Chairman