

TREE COMMISSION

March 20, 2017

The March 20, 2017 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, Roxie Karg, and Judi Lambrite. Don Spiegel and John Walker were absent.

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

The minutes of the January 9, 2017 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

It was noted that the annual Tree City USA Awards Program will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 in Lakeside, Ohio. Registration for the program is due by April 7, 2017. Tree Commission members and Parks Department employees interested in attending will register.

Mrs. Binau will invite Mrs. Stephanie Miller, ODNR Regional Urban Forester, to attend the June 19, 2017 Tree Commission meeting to discuss the 2018 Tree City USA Awards Program to be hosted by the City of Upper Sandusky.

Mr. Niederkohr presented a quote of \$3,985.00 from A-1 Printing for sixty-five vinyl banners to be hung in the downtown area identifying the City as a Tree City USA. Mr. Niederkohr noted that next year will be the City's 30th year as a Tree City USA and with the City hosting the Tree City USA Awards Program next year it will be an ideal time for the banners to be hanging in the downtown. This purchase could be budgeted for in 2018. Mrs. Binau reported that there is \$1,700.00 in the Geary Fund, a grant fund set up for Upper Sandusky Parks and Urban Forestry through the Wyandot County Community Foundation, and funding for this purchase could be applied for (via letter) to assist with the cost of these banners.

A motion was made by Ms. Karg, seconded by Mrs. Lambrite, to request the banners be budgeted for in 2018 and proceed with requesting partial funding for this purchase through the Geary Fund. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that the Parks Department moved some of the Tree City USA signs located within the City to other locations within the City.

Mr. Niederkohr also reported that the Parks Department employees have been picking up sticks frequently due to winds. Mr. Niederkohr noted that there was minor tree damage this winter in Harrison Smith Park caused by high winds.

Plans for the annual Arbor Day Program were discussed. It was noted that Arbor Day in Ohio is Friday, April 28, 2017. It was also noted that there is proficiency testing that day but it is scheduled to be completed by 9:30 a.m. Tree Commission members agreed to hold the Arbor Day Program on Friday, April 28, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Niederkohr will look at various locations for the tree planting, as part of the program, and decide which park the program will be held at this year.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Sara Lou Binau, Chairman