

Tree Commission
Thursday – July 17, 2014
7:00 PM
Ellsworth Meadows Golf Course
Minutes

Attendees: Jerry Unroe, Co-chair; Alex Keleman, City Council Liaison; Tom Munn, Public Works Superintendent; Ron Bevilacqua; William Robinson

Guest(s): Trent Wash, Golf Course Manager/Superintendent; Rhonda Kadish, Park Board

Absent: Linda O'Neil, Co-chair; Dan Szoch; Chris Rigby, Garden Club Liaison

Minutes Approval: Minutes of the June 19, 2014 meeting were read and approved.

Public Comment: None

Reports/Presentations

1. City Council Liaison
 - City Council discussed planting a Memorial Tree for John Jeffers, past council member. Tree Commission discussed type and location of tree. Unroe moved that Tree Commission approves the purchasing and planting of a red oak memorial tree for John Jeffers at a location yet to be determined. Robinson seconded. Vote: unanimous. Later it was suggested that tree be planted at Ellsworth Golf Course since Mr. Jeffers was on the Golf Advisory Board.
 - Meeting will be held in August regarding Main St. streetscape. No further details at this time. Unroe said he will call Liz Murphy regarding idea sharing with the merchants and Destination Hudson.
 - Email was recently sent to City Council members from owners from Lake Christine area. They are planning to develop just south of Marcelitas and north of Chadds Ford. They mentioned they will be contacting the Tree Commission at some point regarding tree removal. This will first go before the Planning Commission.
2. Hudson Garden Club Liaison
 - Chris Rigby absent. No report.
3. Park Board Liaison
 - Rhonda Kadish discussed tree removal due to disc golf course expansion at Hudson Springs Park. She explained that marked trees are not being taken down, but instead being marked to show the outline of the fairway. Kadish said disc golf member volunteers are removing trees but are only allowed to remove trees that are under 4 inches in diameter. All volunteers have signed a waiver with the City saying they know the rules and the liability issues. Tree Commission discussed what safety precautions need to be taken when taking down a tree and said they will help on an advisory capacity. Munn will email Kadish or Eric Hutchinson, Parks Superintendent, if Tree Commission wishes to walk the course.
4. City Arborist
 - Wash and Munn marked 234 ash trees at Ellsworth Golf Course and also marked additional trees outside of the fairways. Average cost of removal at \$600 each. Budget of about \$145,000. Munn sent a letter of interest to the State Forester regarding interest in applying for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant to remove ash trees and re-plant shade trees.
 - Hudson Garden Club would like a plan by September on what the City intends to do with the \$7500 we are given from the Garden Club. One idea is to plant trees at Ellsworth Golf Course. A back-up plan would be to plant trees along Hudson-Aurora from Stow Rd. to the turnpike which is being requested by the Hudson Park Estates Homeowners Association.
 - Tree Commission took a tour of the golf course to review dead/dying ash trees.
5. Commission Discussion
 - Old Business

- North Main Streetscape - see "council liaison" notes above
- First and Main Sidewalk - Munn said tree lawns to be removed and permeable pavers will be installed sometime in August.
- Robinson questioned the trees planted at First & Main that seem to be leaning and also the shape of the trees. Munn will check on the trees but said they will be trained over time.
- Tree Walk with Council - there was discussion about when this will take place and what Tree Commission would like to accomplish with this Tree Walk.
- Tree Board University: www.treeboardu.org
- Tree Commission Academy freshman class will take place at the Cuyahoga Falls Natatorium on Wednesday nights in March 2015
- Brandywine Creek Growth Plan will be meeting in about a month. There will be a cooperative effort with Tinkers Creek Watershed group.
- New Business
 - Young Tree Training - Friday, March 13, 2015 at Barlow Community Center
- Meeting adjourned: pm

Next meeting is scheduled for August 21.

Minutes were taken by:



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