

Tree Commission
Thursday – April 23, 2015
7:00 PM
Public Works Department – Conference Room
Minutes

Attendees: Jerry Unroe, Co-chair; Linda O’Neil, Co-chair; Tom Munn, Public Works Superintendent; Eric Hutchinson, Parks Superintendent; William Robinson

Guest(s): None

Absent: Alex Keleman, City Council Liaison; Ron Bevilacqua, Dan Szoch, Chris Rigby, Garden Club Liaison

Minutes Approval: Minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Public Comment: None

Reports/Presentations

1. City Council Liaison
 - City Council Liaison not in attendance

2. Hudson Garden Club Liaison
 - Garden Club Liaison not in attendance

3. Urban Forestry - City Arborist
 - Mr. Munn introduced Mr. Hutchinson, a 25 year City Parks employee, now taking on new responsibilities in his role as Superintendent.
 - Mr. Munn was hopeful of receiving a grant for cutting down dead ash trees, but they haven’t announced any opportunity yet.
 - Tree City USA in Sandusky on May 12. Mr. Unroe will attend.
 - Mr. Munn will do the Young Tree Training again next March.

4. Commission Discussion
 - Mr. Jeffers Memorial Tree-Mr. Munn stated that Mr. Wash, Ellsworth Golf Course Superintendent, has matters under control, purchase order created, and brick ordered and placed when tree is planted. Mr. Keleman should contact Mr. Wash if he has any questions.
 - Tree removal scheduled on Blackberry Lane. Tree was damaged in a car accident. Insurance company will cover the cost of a replacement tree.
 - Discussion on keeping tree inventory current, by noting the condition and diameter of trees. In September/October we can detect tree rot by mushrooms on lawn.
 - Arbor Day, April 24, at Seton Catholic School. Will plant an Alaskan Weeping False Cedar where a tree was lost.
 - Ms. O’Neil mentioned the seriousness of volcano mulching around trees. Ms. O’Neil showed Tree Commission a letter Chagrin Falls sent their residents on this subject. Ideas on how to educate our residents can be a handout at Green on Green event, mass e-mail with pictures to demonstrate the right and wrong way to mulch, put something on and or in utility bills, Jody Roberts posting on the web site. Mr. Unroe and Ms. O’Neil discussed structure soil verses silva cells. In comparison the silva cells, outperformed the structure soil, with a 10-15 year mark increase in tree growth. A study at Cornell University stated structure soil mix prohibits root rot, tree was healthier, and a 10th of the cost. City Manager and City Engineer are waiting for Bids to come in. Tree Commission will recommend to City Council silva cells or structure soil.
 - Green on Green, September 26. Ms. O’Neil commented this would be a good time to do handouts on educating residents on volcano mulching. A handout of what trees are being planted and the locations of the trees would be beneficial. This is also an opportunity to do give a way’s.

- Mr. Charlie Robinson (Robinson Lawn & Garden) planted a Thornless Osage Orange behind Barlow Community Center.
- Ramco will be building a new facility on Hudson Industrial Pkwy. The company left a sizable amount of trees in front, when clearing the area.
- Mr. Munn mentioned a letter to the Editor regarding Lake Forest Country Club and a model home developer, back in the twenties, clearing old trees on the corner of Oxford and Atterbury Blvd. This is a private property issue. There is nothing the City can say in regards to removing trees on private property.
- Ms. O'Neil questioned tree removals on Steepleview. Mr. Munn is replacing Sunset Red Maple with Autumn Blaze, durable trees. Per request of Home Owners Association and home owners themselves.
- We are going to be connecting Sapphire Dr. and E. Sapphire Dr. dead ends. They will be doing a small clearing of trees.
- Indiana Bat – April 1 deadline on clearing, unless a company like Davey Resources Group does a survey, and says it's ok to cut.
- Mr. Unroe announced that Hudson is the third or fourth consecutive oldest Tree Commission in the State of Ohio- 35-36 years.
- Tree planting total of 163 trees of which 30 at Ellsworth Golf Course, funded by Hudson Garden Club.
- Downtown area planting- Mr. Robinson and Mr. Unroe suggested no more than 2 to 3 different species of medium sized trees. Ms. O'Neil stated the area can sustain a large tree. Canopy can be higher with proper pruning to keep the crown under control. The area covered is from Baldwin Street past Learned Owl.
- Motion was made to adjourn meeting. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2015.

Minutes were taken by:



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