

Tree Commission
Thursday – June 25, 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; Alex Keleman, City Council Liaison; Will Robinson, Dan Szoch

Guest(s): Denise Soloman, Environmental Awareness Committee

Absent: Chris Rigby, Garden Club Liaison

Minutes Approval: Minutes of the April 23, 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Public Comment: None

Reports/Presentations

1. City Council Liaison
 - City Council Liaison in attendance

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

3. Urban Forestry - City Arborist
 - Mr. Munn will run out of funding this year, for tree removal, but continues to mark trees for next year. Tree removal at Turner Mill’s, College St & Route 303, pipes crushed so trees have to go, trees will be replaced.
 - Mr. Munn was hopeful of receiving a grant for cutting down dead ash trees, at the Ellsworth Golf Course, but they haven’t announced any opportunity yet.
 - Council passed a resolution thanking Ron Bevilacqua for his service.
 - Tree City USA in Sandusky, Mr. Unroe attended. The Tree Commission Training Classes available in the fall.
 - Mr. Munn will do the Young Tree Training again next March. Mr. Robinson wants to promote, and recruit Hudson residents, via-mail.

4. Commission Discussion
 - Ms. Soloman attended the meeting, to see what projects the Tree Commission has planned, see if the Committees can work together on projects such as Green on Green September 26th. Rain barrels will be raffled at Green on Green Event, tickets on sale.
 - Mr. Keleman spoke of charter review, no change in status of Tree Commission. Comprehensive plan in July, public session, touches on topics of trees and land use.
 - Mr. Keleman discussed moving forward with Broadband sometime this year, where Municipal Service Center is, estimated cost a million dollars.
 - Tree planting was finished in May, Mr. Munn not happy with contractor. Contractor’s contract not renewed.
 - Mr. Munn mentioned that sixty trees were planted this spring at Ellsworth Golf Course. The Hudson Garden club donated \$ 7,500.00.
 - Ms. O’Neil mentioned Tree Commission aiding in tree inventory. There were 500 trees inventoried in April, not all areas of Hudson inventoried, volunteers needed.
 - Mr. Keleman talked to the School Superintendent about the Tree Commission checking trees on school property. Trees are in horrible condition. This can be a training tool, for the Vocational program with Davey Tree. Superintendent gave a green light, in regards to moving forward.
 - Big Tree contest is through Summit County Soil & Water Conservation District. Big trees prevent storm water problems.
 - Mr. Unroe stated next Tree Commission meeting he will have more updated information on C-U soil verses Silva Cell soil. October Council will discuss bid.

- Downtown area planting- City Engineer asked that species of trees be discussed, and decided at the Tree Commission meeting. It was suggested no more than 2 to 3 different species of trees. The two trees decided, and voted on are London Planetree Exclamation, and Accolade Elm. Member's suggested keeping same kind of tree on each street. Ms. O'Neil made motion to vote for London Planetree, and Accolade Elm, Vote: Unanimous.
- Motion was made to adjourn meeting. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2015.

Minutes were taken by:



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