



**Tuesday, July 31, 2018, 4:00 pm
City Greenhouse**

Members Present: Jim Arthur, Cynthia Ball, John Parker, Commissioner Dave Waddington, Mike Zuilhof

Staff Present: Tom Speir, Melissa Vassallo

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm.

June 26th meeting minutes were approved with no changes needed.

Old Business:

Tom updated members on where he is at with his tree inspections. He said he should be up-to-date within in 2-3 weeks.

Tom also told the group that the 3 large trees on Meigs Street that were in pretty bad shape were recently removed.

Everyone talked about the tree at Sandusky Bay Pavilion that looks twisted due to the damages from the recent storm that occurred on Thursday, July 26th.

Members reviewed the information regarding Mr. Fred Iles and his tree violation. Tom read his full assessment of the tree that Mr. Iles trimmed without obtaining a permit. He said "If scaffold branches are removed before the trunk taper is established they can become a point of weakness." ... "During the process of removing the scaffold branches, improper cuts were made. Fortunately, the error was made in leaving too much of the branch wood." Tom went on to say that he believes there were errors made by both Mr. Iles and the City concerning this tree. The members voted on if the fine should be waived. Due to the tree not being harmed, they all voted to waive the fee.

New Business:

Mike Zuilhof spoke to the members about his idea to develop micro habitats within the parks. He said in order to distinguish the difference spaces; we could mow that certain area or put up

temporary fencing. Tom elaborated on this, saying that Barnes Nursery was doing an example of this near Lions Park recently.

It was discussed about the best types of trees when new projects, like the Garland Avenue project, come along. Tom suggested the Ivory Silk tree would be good for that kind of area. Jim said that butterfly dwarf ginkgo trees are great for small areas.

The suggestion was given to purchase a tree in honor of the Bicentennial from the Tree Commission members. The tree would be funded by the donation from the Great Lakes Brewery. The tree would be planted in East Park.

The next Tree Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 28th, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm.

Cynthia Ball
Chairperson

Melissa Vassallo
Clerk