



**Tuesday, October 30, 2018, 4:00 pm
City Greenhouse**

Members Present: Jim Arthur, Cynthia Ball, John Parker, Joe Viviano, Commissioner Dave Waddington

Staff Present: Todd Gibson, Tom Speir, Melissa Vassallo

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm.

September 25th meeting minutes were approved with no changes needed.

Old Business:

Tom told the members that he hasn't heard anymore regarding Julie Millott's tree on Ogontz Street. Melissa let the members know she has not submitted a tree permit application yet. Tom said maybe she changed her mind. He thinks her tree is a very nice tree.

Cynthia asked if there are still two (2) crews working on removing stumps. Todd let her know that the contractor is done with that project. All of the stumps that were to be removed by them have been removed. Todd explained to the group how the Forestry division will continue to remove 8-10 trees, then remove those stumps and add additional 2-4 stumps to get completely caught up on the abandoned stumps around the City. Todd also let the members know the City hired another contractor, Tree Experts, to do a small removal job of six (6) trees. They will be removing the six (6) trees, grinding the stumps and seeding.

Tom let everyone know there was a mistake on the Corso's planting bid. The last page of the planting location was accidentally missed and was not included on their original quote. The additional cost was around \$2,000. It was also said that the Hancock Street planting went from 10 to 8. Brad from Forestry is adding these to the GIS system as the Forestry division is planting. Melissa will update the GIS system with the Corso's plantings.

Tom updated the group on the Tree donation that the Tree Commission would like to make to the City for the Bicentennial. He said he called Barnes for a price. He is pretty sure there is around \$2,000 remaining from the Great Lakes Brewery donation. It will be a quote for a large Spruce tree and it will be planted in East Park by Barnes.

New Business:

Jim spoke about a possible removal of a tree that was just planted on Adrian Circle. Diana Harris has requested that the tree that Corso's planted in October be removed. She thinks it is no longer necessary. This tree was part of a neighbor campaign. When Ms. Harris was originally asked if she wanted the tree, she said yes. Tom said that 99% of the time, we listen to resident requests but the City doesn't need a resident to request a tree for us to plant one. Todd asked if this species can be moved to another location. Tom said yes, but the sooner, the better. Todd suggested we pull the tree and move it now if the resident is going to be upset about it being there. Tom agreed to contact Ms. Harris and will move forward with relocating the tree if she is still adamant about it. Joe said there are no trees in that area.

A tree was planted in memory of Dave Yingling, a Street Division City employee, who passed away in October. The tree is a Street Keeper Locust was planted in Veteran's Park.

Bre, who was not able to attend the meeting, had added to the agenda to talk about door hangers. The door hanger would be to let the new tree owner know the type of tree that was just planted and how to care for it. Jim said he spoke to Bre about this previously and that leaving a door hanger or postcard is actually a Tree City USA requirement. Todd let Jim know we have some old hangers at the Service Center that he can take a look at.

Todd told the members about some possible removals that might be happening in the future. Columbia Gas is supposed to be filling out a tree permit to remove a tree on 42nd Street due to it being in the way of a gas line they need to replace. Also, Bob Waldock might be turning in a tree permit to have several trees on Farwell Street removed. He would like to have them removed and replaced because they are all in pretty bad shape.

The next Tree Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27th, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.

Cynthia Ball
Chairperson

Melissa Vassallo
Clerk