



**Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 4:00 pm
City Greenhouse**

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

Staff Present: Tom Speir, Melissa Vassallo

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm.

The January 29th meeting minutes were approved with no changes needed.

Old Business:

Jim Arthur told the members that he went out and looked at the Karl Ann Drive & the Stahlwood Drive locations and he is in agreement that it is a very good neighborhood for plantings. There are large eight (8) foot boulevards and currently there are no trees at all. Tom Speir said he counted at least 18-20 good planting sites in that area. But they would need to check with Todd Gibson or someone else to see if there is any sewer lines or other lines that would affect the plantings. It was also said we would want to send out letters to make sure the residents are not against having trees planted. Tom added he will need to order the trees sooner rather than later in order to get the ones we want.

Jim informed everyone that Bre Hohman did a bang up job on the Forestry presentation at the February 11th Commission meeting. She, the Tree Commission and the Forestry staff got kudos from four (4) of the Commissioners. They are happy with what has been getting done. Dave Waddington agreed with Jim that Bre gave a knock-out presentation.

Tom commented on the GIS system and how it is getting pretty accurate. He said hopefully it will continue to grow and be a very good source for information. The more we use it, the more it will be useful for us. The tree inspection comments are being added by Melissa Vassallo after Tom assesses the trees, the Forestry crew is updating when they trim a tree, remove a tree or a stump and tree project notes are being entered by engineering as well.

Jim gave an update on the tree planting door hangers. Bre is still working on some changes that need to be made. They have been in contact with Loris Printing regarding pricing. The quote they were given was somewhere between \$10.00-15.00 to do the layout.

New Business:

The members talked about the tree that fell over the weekend on Warren Street/Route 6. They questioned why it was down for so long before anything was done with it. The tree fell on Sunday and Forestry removed the tree on Monday. The group also said there was a tree on Clinton Street that came down that the police dragged away.

Dave brought up a resident who contacted him about removing a tree. The tree is at 1404 Wayne Street on the Cable Street side. It is unsure if the tree is a City tree. Melissa contacted the resident and she was told she would have to get a survey done to prove if it is a City tree. Or she may remove the tree at her own cost.

Melissa showed the members a tree permit that was filled out and approved for Barb Hess to remove a tree at 3317 W. Monroe Street. There were no objections from the group.

Cynthia Ball said we will discuss the Arbor Day celebration at the next meeting. She asked Melissa to invite Jason Werling from Recreation to the meeting to go over the event.

The next Tree Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 at 4:00 pm at the City Greenhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm.

Cynthia Ball
Chairperson

Melissa Vassallo
Clerk