



**Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 4:00 pm  
City Greenhouse**

Members Present: Cynthia Ball, Breann Hohman, John Parker, Joe Viviano, Commissioner Dave Waddington

Staff Present: Todd Gibson, Tom Speir, Melissa Vassallo

Resident Present: Joe Karis

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

The April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

**Old Business:**

Tom Speir let everyone know he is currently about 2 weeks behind on tree inspections.

Tom talked about the \$5,000.00 planting donation. He said he knows it was decided to wait until the fall but he still needs to order the trees soon. He would like to do it sometime in July.

The GLRI plantings were discussed. Breann Hohman asked if all 200+ plantings are being contracted and Todd Gibson told her yes. The contract goes out for bid this Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Bre asked if there is anything different that can be done to make sure these plantings get done correctly. Todd said we can give additional training to whoever is the inspector on the job. And make sure the contractor is following a certain set of specifications. Bre said this is a lot of trees so we want to be sure they are done right.

Cynthia Ball let us know that the Tree City Awards ceremony was great. All went well.

**New Business:**

Tom Speir told the group about a request that come in to remove a tree at 1820 Camp Street. They said it is very overgrown, touching their building and growing into the wires. Tom inspected the tree and determined it is healthy and not hazardous. His recommendation is for the tree to be trimmed only. The list for the trim is just as long as or possibly even longer than for removal. Melissa Vassallo will let the residents know Tom's inspection results and will remind them if we are taking too long,

they can always fill out a tree permit form and hire their own certified contractor to complete the job sooner.

Everyone looked over the tree stats. We are noticeably taking down more trees but the calls are still coming in so the removal numbers are staying about the same.

The members talked about the trees that broke off on Huron Avenue. They discussed how all the wind and rain is not helping anything.

Tom asked what they think should be done regarding a few trees on W. Adams Street where the resident did volcano mulching. He noticed it before and let the resident know he can't do that, it will kill the trees. Tom recently went back to that address due to a tree inspection request that was called in. While he was there, he saw the volcano mulching had not been removed. It was decided Melissa would give a friendly phone call to remind them again.

Todd made the members aware that a Forestry Foreman position is out for bid. He said both Nate Leimeister and Eric Gildenmeister have bid on the position and both have interviews. The Forestry Foreman position must also be or become a certified arborist. This person will be able to help with the tree inspections. A seasonal person will be starting on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Todd also told them that Scott Linkenbach bid on a position in Water and received the job.

Cindy reminded the members about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration that is coming up. Asked if anyone would like to volunteer to pass out flyers and talk to residents.

Todd told them there had been 2 tree permit applications submitted recently. One was for a tree removal on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. He checked out the tree and it is dead so he approved that application prior to the meeting. The other one was for a tree planting on Perry Street. The resident is wanting to plant a pear tree. The group was in agreement that would be a bad species to plant. Pear trees are messy. Tom said he would call the resident and discuss other options with him.

Guest resident, Joe Karis, came to first discuss his tree removal request but the morning of the meeting, his tree was removed. So, instead he came to request a tree replacement. Tom let him know there is a waiting list for that and soonest a new tree would be planted would be fall of 2020. Bre told him he could fill out a tree permit form and plant one himself if he were to learn how or have assistance from someone who knows how. Joe said he would like it sooner rather than later. So, he will turn in a tree permit and once the stump is removed plant a new tree. He also mentioned his neighbor's tree was removed a while ago and he wants a new tree too. He will relay the same information to his neighbor and they will both plant trees in the boulevard.

The next Tree Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 4:00 pm at the City Greenhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.

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Cynthia Ball  
Chairperson

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Melissa Vassallo  
Clerk