



Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 4:00 pm
Commission Chambers, City Hall

Members Present: Jim Arthur, Kippie Loughlin, John Parker, Joe Viviano, Commissioner Dave Waddington

Members Absent: Bre Hohman

Staff Present: Scott Kromer, Elisabeth Sowecke

Old Business:

Minutes from May were approved.

Scott Kromer provided the tree stats to-date for 2021:

105 Removed	40 Storm Clean-Up
225 Stumps Removed	151 Waterings
397 Limb-Up	0 Plantings
47 Complete Trims	180 To Be Removed
131 Young Tree Training	117 To Be Trimmed
9 Deadwood Trim/Removal	82 Stumps for Removal
287 Inspections	

New Business:

Young Tree Maintenance

Chairman Arthur shared his concern that the young trees are dehydrated and “suckering out.” He indicated that there is a dead tree in-front of Paddle and Climb on Water Street. Scott Kromer pointed out that the weather patterns and excessive rain have actually helped staff and the trees have been growing quickly.

Commissioner Waddington indicated that many trees are currently overgrown and in-need of limbing-up over sidewalks. John Parker questioned whether the Forestry department is fully staffed and Mr. Kromer shared that they are 2-people short and one bucket truck short, as well. Mr. Parker acknowledged that they are hard at work for being short-staffed. Mr. Kromer indicated that staff are focused on line of sight issues and hazardous trees currently.

Tree Work at 614 Columbus Avenue

Chairman Arthur indicated that contractors for Ohio Edison “butchered” a tree in an attempt to clear its branches from the power lines. Scott Kromer indicated that Ohio Edison’s focus is preventive, safety maintenance and agreed that it’s not aesthetically pleasing. The City certified arborist did determine that the tree on Columbus Avenue will need to be removed. Mr. Kromer further suggested that Tree Commission invite Ohio Edison reps to attend a meeting to discuss further and members were agreeable.

The meeting can be viewed in-full here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uTEuslpbXE>.