



Shade Tree and Beautification
Commission Meeting

Minutes

April 30, 2024
3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Matthew T. Starr	Mayor	Absent	
James Brown	Chair	Present	
Brian Ball	City Engineer	Excused	
Colleen Clarkson	Board Member	Present	
Quetin Platt	Engineering Department	Excused	
Duane Barber	Board Member	Absent	
Sarah Wagner	Board Member	Present	
Laura De Leon	Board Member	Present	
Randy Pursel	Parks Department	Present	

April Brady Filling in the Judy Isett-Recording Secretary
Scott Zimmerman-Complete Maintenance
Zane Mikesell-Engineering Department
Brian Wade-Wade and Gatton Nursery

MINUTES APPROVAL

March 26, 2024

Will be available when Judy returns

Ms. Isett will have these when she returns.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Brown stated that we have spent money this month. Mike Prydra was to be at West Ariel with his Agricultural Head to work on the Autumn Olive and Honeysuckle. Mr. Mikesell said Mike text him and he will be there today and tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Court Building

Mr. Brown stated that Mr. Ball has a half a dozen or so of perspectives and wants the commission members to set down and look at them for about half an hour. He is not here so we will talk about it next month.

Fall Planting Locations

Mr. Brown stated that this is about planning where what we are going to do for next year's tree planting. There is a list for things in mind for the year. Mr. Brown asked about a P.O. for Saint Vincent. Ms. Clarkson stated that Mr. Platt is to get the P.O. for the condo project and another one there. Ms. Clarkson stated that on the Sandusky Project, there is a letter that needs updated and sent out from Franklin St. to Burgess St. There is a letter for the East side and it needs changed to the west side.

Mr. Brown stated that he does not know the time line on the Bus Station project. He said that the Area Development is the head of this.

Mr. Brown has not been able to talk to Zach on the Health Department project.

Ms. Clarkson told Ms. DeLeon that on the west end she could identify some areas and they would need a letter and the postage would be paid out of our account.

Ms. Colleen said the big projects are Sandusky Street, the West End, YMCA (and the Living Center if they are interested).

Mr. Brown told Mr. Wade he got a call from the condos and they have a concrete contractor coming in to redo their driveway the middle of May for two weeks. Mr. Wade said they will be done by then.

Ms. Clarkson told Mr. Brown to talk to Mr. Platt about the P.O. to make sure it is done.

2024 Water List

Ms. Wagner has a water list for TCP which she will give to Randy Pursel-Parks Department. Mr. Mikesell said she could give the list to him and he would get it to Mr. Pursel.

Ms. Wagner stated that she is sending letters out for the 2nd year TCP list.

OLD BUSINESS***Arbor Day***

Ms. DeLeon stated that Arbor Day was very nice and was well attended and the Art work was great. Parents also attended. The Mayor attended and gave a dedication. Wendy's was a sponsor again and gave out free frosties for the students. One Big John Tree, 6 Sun Valley Maples and 4 Apple trees were planted at the playground. The two Apple trees were donated by Modern Woodsmen, who were also in attendance.

Mr. Wade had invited Mr. Brown to Bellville's first Arbor Day. It was held at a school for the first time. 340 kids attended, K-5th grade were there, also the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts attended plus parents. The third graders sang a song plus two girls sang a duet.

Mr. Brown stated that a Burr Oak tree was planted at Shelmar Park a few years ago as a dedication tree. They invited John Frances to the park and was told that it was about a fence but the ceremony was to dedicate the tree to John for his dedication to City Council. Mr. Frances was surprised and very pleased.

Mr. Brown was told that there is a marker in the Parks Department that was to be put on a tree but didn't get put on. Mr. Pursel said that the markers get put on and then no one maintains them. He suggested that we maintain them.

Ms. Clarkson stated that we need to make a Dedication List for the Dedication markers. Mr. Zimmerman stated that he would be glad to maintain the markers.

Tree City Banquet

Mr. Brown stated that the banquet is May 9, 2024 in Worthington, Ohio. Ms. Wagner, Ms. Clarkson, Mr. Mikesell and Mr. Brown will be attending.

AFP Invasive Removal

Mr. Zimmerman stated that he took the 3 diseased trees out of AFP and treated the stumps. He said he would be going to Shelmar Park and look at the Arborvitae's and treat them. Ms. Clarkson stated that there are Arborvitae's behind Amateo's. Mr. Zimmerman said he treated them last year and would treat them again this year.. He is planning on treating the invasive trees and has treated them at CA&C. Mr. Zimmerman said to call him if you see poison hemlock.

Ms. Clarkson stated that she looked at the Redbud at the bank on Mount Vernon Ave. and didn't think it looked good. Mr. Zimmerman stated that it needs removed. Ms. Clarkson asked Mr. Zimmerman to look at the 20 Redbud trees on Mount Vernon Ave. and see if they need attention.

Mr. Zimmerman will be working at Shalmar Park and AFP.

Mr. Zimmerman will spray the 50 natives trees at AFP and will treat the hill again. He said that 2 of the conifer trees at AFP near the clock house need to be removed. Mr. Brown said there is one on the drive off of Harcourt Rd. at West Ariel entrance that looks dead. He is going to spray around the 50 native trees and kill the grass around them and will put fertilizer on them again this spring.

Water Bags

Ms. Clarkson stated that there are old water bags that have not been picked up, there is one on High Street. Mr. Brown stated that there are 313 water bags. Mr. Zimmerman asked Ms. Clarkson for the list and he will take care of these. Ms. Clarkson gave him a list and said it was for the water truck and some of the things are just a well check She ask him to check on these and take the stakes out if they are still there. Mr. Pursel said the watering crew will start Monday. They also put the bags on the trees.

Ms. Clarkson stated that this is her last day with the Shade Tree Commission.

Bee City

Mr. Brown stated that Mr. Platt was not here to give an update. Mr. Brown stated that Shade Tree paid \$50.00 for Bee City to have a table at First Friday and also paid the \$200.00 fee for their renewal of their Charter. We paid both of the fees out of Arbor Trust.

Water Bill Flyers

Mr. Brown talked to Brad Cook-Water Office about the Volcano mulch flyers to be put in the water bills. Mr. Cook is going to get Mr. Brown a quote on a printed version and a digital version. Mr. Cook will get a quote to Mr. Platt and we can get this done.

Mr. Brown stated that the OSU Extension Office is working on the spotted Lantern flyers. The Box Wood Moth which is an invasive and have quarantined in the county's down by Cincinnati . The are a brownish green caterpillar that eats the Box Wood leaves.

Mr. Wagner asked what happens when a TCP tree dies and what is the procedure was. Ms. Clarkson stated that if the tree just died we would replace it for free.

Ms. DeLeon said there were trees taken down on Mulberry Street and Chestnut Street, it was not city people. It is behind the post office. Mr. Mikesell will have Greg Bemiller look at it.

Ms. DeLeon asked where to direct questions about the trees. Mr. Mikesell said to call Greg Bemiller, Code Enforcement Officer. **(They need to call the Engineering Department not Mr. Bemiller).**

OTHER

Hiawatha Park update:

Mr. Zimmerman stated for 3 and a half days 66 trees were planted and they planted them all by hand. The Building Trades class and the Landscape and Design students helped with the plantings. Mr. Zimmerman treated the kids to pizza and pop. He said that it is exciting and fun to work with the kids. Ms. Clarkson stated that these trees will be watered by the water truck.

Mr. Brown stated that Allister Reynolds called him and said he had 100 more Chestnut trees. Mr. Brown said they are a lot better this year than last time. They will be re-planting the 48 trees that they lost last year.

ADJOURN

Ms. Clarkson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. DeLeon seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.