



Shade Tree and Beautification

August 27, 2024

Commission Meeting

Minutes

3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

Judy Isett - Recording Secretary
Zane Mikesell - Engineering Department
Scott Zimmerman-Complete Maintenance
Brian Wade-Wade and Gatton Nursery
Rich Larson
Corbin Shiebel

MINUTES APPROVAL

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Ms. Wagner stated that the minutes said that she was absent last month but she actually was excused. Ms. Isett will correct the minutes. Ms. DeLeon made a motion to accept the July minutes with the correction. Ms. Wagner seconded the motion.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Brown stated that the Shade Tree budget still has \$18,000.00. The Grant balances are still looking good. We will use this for planting trees this fall.

Ms. DeLeon asked about the tree bags at 5 Sycamore Road. Mr. Wade said he put new bags on them.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Planting-West Side, Sandusky St. & Catherine St.**West Side, Sandusky Street and Catherine Street-**

Ms. DeLeon stated that they started receiving postcards back and have received 66 request for the West Side and 11 request for Sandusky Street. Mr. Brown said this is West High Street to the river and the railroad tracks to the river. Sandusky Street is the West Side. Mr. Mikesell stated that Catherine Street postcards have not been sent out yet.

Mr. Mikesell stated that we will accept responses until October and then will go out and start flagging.

Ms. Wagner stated that 35 people are requesting trees, should be around 60 trees. Ms. Wagner is contacting these people. There are 7 or 8 that are held over from last year.

Mr. Brown has received calls about trees dying. They are not dying it is the dry weather.

Catherine Street-Work looks good . Mr. Mentzer and Mr. Brown looked at planting trees there.

OLD BUSINESS***Bee City***

Mr. Brown stated that the 15 Sycamore trees that were planted at Hiawatha Park along the ditch on Beech Street he was thinking of turning it into a Pollinator corridor. Mr. Platt stated the they looked at different native shrubs to plant on the banks as a transitional area from the bank down into the ditch. The ones we would like to plant are Coralberry, sweet shrub, arrow wood and New Jersey tea and hopefully we can get sufficient quantities to plant in October early November. Mr. Brown stated that there is an area at AFP behind the Carpenter's shop that they want to put a test plot in. Mr. Brown stated that Quentin and himself will have to look at this.

Update from Scott Zimmerman

Mr. Zimmerman stated that all of the stakes and wraps on Sandusky Street, Belmont Ave. and Mulberry Street have been removed and all of the trees have been pruned lightly. He will finish up the stakes and pruning this month. In October he will fertilize and hopefully we will have some rain. The trees at CA&C are looking better. Mr. Zimmerman looked at the 2 trees on Chestnut St. and said they are stressing and he will inject it with iron and nutrients. He was out at AFP and did treatment on the Honeysuckle and Autumn Olive and poison ivy. He will be treating lime ponds and the dike.

TCP-update from Sarah Wagner

Talked about this under New Business

Water bags:

Mr. Pursel said they will need more bags, they have about 100 left. Mr. Zimmerman said he went to Mount Vernon Ave. and looked at the trees, the deer are grazing on the white pines is the biggest problem.

Aphed on the Norway Spruce, he will treat them.

Mr. Mikesell stated that the watering of the trees with water bags is being extended to October.

West End Grant and Sandusky St.-Laura DeLeon

Talked about this in New Business

Other

Mr. Brown stated that the Town and Country Garden Club gave Shade Tree Commission \$1200.00 for a Pollinator. There will be around 45 shrubs in the ditch and John Campbell, KCCC is willing to plant 1000 daffodils. There will be a 6 different mix for \$1200.00.

Mr. Brown thinks it would be a good decision for to fully funds the daffodils and the shrubs along the ditch.

Mr. Brown stated that the City put in a parking lot at Hiawatha Park on the north end, north of the pavilion on Sychar Road and they put in a rain garden to catch the runoff from the parking lot. It has not had a lot of maintenance and he has talked to Quentin about it and they are going to get an estimate from TD Landscaping because they have taken care of rain gardens before. Mr. Platt stated that this could be a job for Probation.

Mr. Brown stated that they are running the two water pumps on the truck by using an inverter. Mr. Pursel said the inverter is getting weak and is thinking about going with an electric generator. Mr. Brown said that it would be in the \$3000.00 range. Mr. Brown stated that this will be an investment for next year.

Mr. Brown talked to Mr. Ball about Cougar Drive-West side is soccer fields. Mr. Brown would like to plant trees on the West side of Cougar Dr. Sarah Wagner said we still need trees planted at the YMCA and at the Living Center.

Mr. Mikesell stated that on East Pleasant Street, Mr. Brown and himself talked about putting trees on the South Pleasant Street area because there is a 2 to 3 block area that does not have trees.

Mr. Zimmerman stated that Nuce Road and Taylor Road-the Dan Emmett area he is going to aureate when it is done. Mr. Platt said it was to be done October 31, 2024 but has been extended out a year. The construction should be wrapped up by the end of the year and the paving will be done next year.

Corbin Schiebal introduced himself. He is working at NCI and said taking care of the City, Pollinator's, trees, cleaning up the river is important to him. He asked how he could get involved. Mr. Brown stated that if you are interested in volunteering you need to talk to the Mayor.

Pleasant Street-Mr. Brown stated that Catherine Street is not going to have many trees and asked Zane about putting Pleasant Street on the list. Zane said he would.

Mr. Schiebal stated at Riverside Park he picks up trash there and thinks a trash receptacle would be nice there. Mr. Pursel said if we put one there people will take advantage of it.

Rich Larson-Talked about Transol and that it works on thistles.

ADJOURN

Ms. DeLeon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sarah Wagner seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.