



Shade Tree and Beautification

August 29, 2023

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	Excused	
Richard Dzik	Safety Service Director	Absent	
Colleen Clarkson	Board Member	Present	
Quetin Platt	Assistant Engineer	Present	
Duane Barber	Board Member	Present	
Jon May	Parks Department	Absent	
Sarah Wagner	Board Member	Present	

Brian Wade-Wade and Gatton
Judy Isett-Recording Secretary
Zane Mikesell-Engineering Department
Scott Zimmerman-Complete Maintenance

MINUTES APPROVAL

July 25, 2023

Ms. Clarkson made a motion to approve the July 25, 2023 meeting minutes; Ms. Wagner seconded the motion.
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FINANCIAL REPORT

There is a P.O. in place for \$3000.000 for Custom Cutters to re weld the two Arch's at Riverside and Arch Park. The Career Center built the two Arch's and Custom Cutters did the sand blasting to prepare it for powder coating. Most of the welds were tacks so we are paying Custom Cutters to re weld everything.
Mr. Brown has a plan for Hiawatha Park that will take care of the rest of the money.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Planting Plan

Ariel Foundation Park - Mr. Brown stated that when we first started working on the grant for 57 trees we agreed that AFP would pay a portion of the watering of those trees but since we do not have all of the trees in and will be next year before they are in, he thought it to be only fair to water them next year without asking them for additional funds. We will have around 80 trees. Mr. Brown asked about using 2022 Grant for these trees in 2023. Mr. Platt stated that if a grant for 2021 or 2022 is closed out it can not be used.

Hiawatha Park

Riverside Park and Arch Ave. Park

Riverside Park-There is going to be a splash pad put in, the library is going to put in a Pavilion and we are going to put in an Arch on Sugar Street. The concrete pad and the arch will go in at Riverside Park as soon as they are ready and the Career Center can put them in.

Arch Avenue Park-The original location for the Arch is not acceptable anymore, so the Pavilion has to be moved and some trees have to be moved because of the power line right-of-way. Mr. Brown stated that when the Arch is completed for Arch Avenue Park it is going to be stored at the Parks Department until we can find a place for it to go. Mr. Brown stated that the Arch could be installed this year or it could not.

TCP-Update

Mr. Barber stated that he is still trying to contact three people and has a list of 40 trees that property owners requested. Ms. Wagner stated that she has 18 responses from people wanting trees. Mr. Barber suggested that they compare list so that they are not overlapping. Ms. Clarkson stated that Mr. Brown received a call from the HOA off of McGibney Road, Mr. Brown and Mr. Wade looked at this and there are a lot (60) of very mature 20 year pear trees that they want out and they are waiting on an estimate and also an estimate for some maple trees. Mr. Brown would like to roll this into TCP so they can water them themselves. Ms. Clarkson stated that we do not have the budget for this to do this year. The budget for TCP is \$20,000.00 and they would be \$13,000.00 over and we will have to see where the grant things come in. Mr. Brown stated that we could put it under a PID grant and still have them water their own trees. Mr. Brown stated that the deal that we offered after talking to Brian Ball was that the Tree Removal Grant would pay for half of the tree removal and the Association would pay for the other half. The grant would supply the trees under the TCP and they would water their own trees. This is at High Point Meadows on the south side of McGibney Road. The complete is stating that the Pear Trees are causing the sidewalks to buckle. Mr. Brown stated that we are taking trees out in the tree lawn and the front yard. Mr. Barber asked why we are taking trees out of the front yards. Ms. Clarkson stated that the Tree Removal Grant allowed us to do that and Mr. Brain stated that if we split the cost with them he would be willing for the city to help. Mr. Barber stated that this confused him because when he asked about the tree rules before he was told that tree removal has to be on city property (Tree lawn area) and these are not. Ms. Clarkson stated that when we only were budgeted \$20,000.00 we could not do that but now that we are granted more money we can consider removing trees that are not in the tree lawn. Mr. Barber stated that if we start doing this we will start getting 1000 calls wanting trees removed that are not in the tree lawn area. Mr. Platt stated that it is important to note that the tree lawn is not our tree lawn, we do have a right-of-way in there but we technically need a right-of-entry agreement for the removals. This is all private property. Mr. Brown stated that we need to do them case by case. Mr. Brown stated that he would get an estimate from Mike at SOS and then we can talk to the people at the condos and then we will talk about it again next month. Ms. Wagner asked if someone calls in from one of the other developments is the answer right away NO it is not a public street so we can not do it. Mr. Platt stated that the direction we have been given has always been if it is not in the right-of-way we do not do removals, but we have been given direction that if someone from a private development were to call and wants tree plantings that is when we would refer them to the Shade Tree Commission members. Mr. Barber stated that we should not agree to do anything without a policy stating that we can remove trees on private property. Mr. Brown stated that he would make an appointment with Mr. Ball to discuss these matters and how we can work them out. Mr. Brown stated that we have a tree removal budget that is funded by the Ariel Foundation and their goal is to manage the health of the trees in the community.

Scott Zimmerman-

Tomorrow morning Mr. Zimmerman will be working on Sandusky St. and Wooster Rd., from Mansfield Ave. to the Dairy. Mr. Zimmerman stated that he treated some grape vines at the pool parking lot, also arborvitae and poison ivy over by the playground.

Trimmed all of the Dogwood trees along the road at the cemetery, and removed two of them.

Cleaned up a tree on Main Street and one on the Public Square.

Treated West Foundation Park, out of twenty acres he has two thirds of it treated.

The mix that he has come up with for the Autumn Olive, the Honeysuckle and the hawthorns is working pretty good. He is going to do the other next month and the clearing behind the pavilions that was full of grapevines and Autumn olives he treated them and he spot treated in the area that we cleaned up and it is working very well.

He is working with Mark at Foundation Park and they are going to do a burn on September 26, 2023.

Ms. Clarkson stated that many people have commented about burns in the fall. Mr. Zimmerman stated that burning in the fall helps the area. When you burn it down you are enhancing the area and putting nitrogen back in the ground. Mr. Zimmerman stated that there are a lot of milkweed all over the park and a lot of Black Eyed Susan and a burn would do it well. The burn should happen by the end of September.

Next month his is going to get all of the stakes off of everything and fertilize everything. The smaller trees will get a granular fertilizer that will dissolve slowly over the fall and the bigger trees will be injected. The Bald Cypress out at the soccer field have beetles were on them but should be ok, specially then he fertilizes them this fall..

The trees along Chestnut Street by the County building he is going to get those fertilized as well.

Mr. Barber asked about bag worms. Mr. Zimmerman stated that he have some mix that is organic that he can spray on them.

In a month he will treat West Foundation and then he will go to Hiawatha Park.

Mr. Brown stated that we put Beech trees on the corner of West High Street and Sandusky Street, the tri colored beech trees need to go away and plant something else.

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Other**ADJOURN**

Duane Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sara Wagner seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned