

**TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Bay Village City Hall
May 12, 2015**

Members Present: Graham, Mahoney, Patzwahl, Pim, Shutt, City Representative Polinski

Not Present: Council Representative Tadych

The Tree Commission meeting began at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall.

Minutes – Mr. Patzwahl moved to accept the minutes and written and it was seconded by Mr. Graham. They were approved by all present.

Arbor Day Report – Mr. Graham reported on the Arbor Day commemoration held on April 24, 2015. Mr. and Mrs. Graham, Mr. Tadych, and Mrs. Shutt, the arborists and the Service Department tree crew were in attendance. Four Yellowwood trees were planted by the Service Department tree crew near the Breyer Memorial located just west of City Hall. Mr. Graham read the proclamation. Mr. Polinski reported that the pictures would be placed in a drop box. He tried to e-mail the pictures, but the file was too large. Mrs. Shutt suggested selecting a few pictures to forward to the members.

Newspaper Article – There was some discussion on preparing an article for the Observer. “Bay Village Remains Tree City USA” was suggested as the caption. Mr. Graham and will prepare an article to submit to the Observer with pictures from Arbor Day. Mr. Polinski explained that there are four requirements to be a Tree City with the Arbor Day commemoration being one of them. Being designated a Tree City USA enables the City to obtain grants.

Mrs. Shutt reported that she had another article ready to submit to the Observer on how to plant a tree.

Old Business

Tree Planting Forms – Mr. Patzwahl said he would like to compare the wording on the original forms and proposed new forms and see if the Tree Commission could move forward. Mr. Polinski stated that the “City’s Tree Lawn Tree Planting Program has been suspended” needs to remain on the form. A short discussion followed as to how to improve the form.

Master Street Tree Planting Plan – The Ginko and Tupelo will be added to the plan as a replacement tree for Ash trees.

Street Tree Planting – Mr. Polinski reported that 16 Frontier Elms will be planted on Bayfair to replace the Ash trees that were removed.

New Business

Western Reserve Conservancy - Five oaks were donated and planted in the parks. One was planted by the bus turnaround, two were planted by the walking track at the north end of Cahoon, and two were planted by the Dwyer Center.

Tree City USA – Tree City USA was held at the Sandusky Yacht Club on May 12, 2015. Mr. Polinski brought in the plaque to show members. Mr. Siewert was one of the speakers.

Next year, the City of Westlake will be hosting the Tree City USA awards. They have asked Bay Village Tree Commission to assist them, if needed. It will be held on May 10, 2016 at LaCentre in Westlake.

There was a lengthy discussion on ways to obtain/raise funds for planting more trees.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

The next Tree Commission meeting will be Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Moore

Jackie Moore, Secretary