

**TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Bay Village City Hall
June 14, 2016**

Members Present: Graham, Mahoney, Patzwahl, Sattler, City Representative Polinski

Members Absent: Shutt, Council Representative Tadych

Minutes – Mr. Graham made a motion to accept the minutes from May 10, 2016, as written. Mr. Patzwahl seconded. Minutes were accepted by all present.

Bay Days – Mr. Polinski reported that he had talked to Mr. Dostal and the Tree Commission could have a booth at the Bay Days which would consist of an 8-foot table and two chairs. He also reported that there were some funds available to purchase informational pamphlets and coloring books to hand out.

After some discussion, it was decided to go forward and have a booth at Bay Days this year. Mr. Sattler said he would get a tree to bring for display at the booth. Mr. Polinski will check into getting a banner made with “Bay Village Tree Commission”. It was also suggested that the “Tree City USA” flag be displayed. Those present said they could volunteer a few hours to man the booth. Schedules for members to staff the booth will be done by e-mail. The booth would not need to have someone there for the entire time. Mr. Polinski will order the pamphlets, display stand to hold the pamphlets, along with tattoos and coloring books for children. Also, Mr. Polinski will make up copies of the Master Street Tree Planting Program in case anyone is interested. Mr. Mahoney said he has a tent that could be used.

Mr. Polinski said he would let Mr. Dostal know that the Tree Commission would take a booth for Bay Days.

Homecoming Parade - Mr. Patzwahl explained that in the past the Tree Commission had a pickup truck and members rode in the back of it. Signs were on the side of the truck and they threw candy to children.

Glenview School – Mr. Polinski reported that he has not had a response from the schools regarding whether they would like trees planted. Mr. Mahoney suggested they ask Mr. Tadych to contact the schools requesting a response. Funds have been raised by area residents to pay for the trees.

Tree Preservation - A memo was forwarded from Law Director Ebert along with a copy of another city's Tree Preservation Ordinance. A lengthy discussion followed regarding a Tree Preservation Ordinance for the City. Mr. Sattler said he would look into some sources. Another suggestion was to contact Mr. Siewert to find out what other cities, comparable to Bay Village, have for their Tree Preservation Ordinance. Mr. Polinski said he e-mailed everyone a link for a website that has Ordinances for many cities. Members were asked to think about this for the next meeting in July.

Old Business

Tree Inventory – Mr. Polinski reported that the Tree Inventory is at a standstill at this time.

New Business

Mr. Graham wanted to congratulate City Arborist, Mike Polinski, on his ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist® certification*.

There being no further business to discuss at this time, Mr. Mahoney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Patzwahl. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

The next Tree Commission meeting will be July 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Moore
Jackie Moore, Secretary

(*ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist® credential holders are current ISA Certified Arborists® who have chosen municipal arboriculture or urban forestry as a career path. They have obtained a minimum of three additional years of work experience managing the establishment and maintenance of urban trees. Experience requirements include communication skills, public relations, administration, risk management, arboricultural practices, and policy planning in a municipal setting.)