

**TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Bay Village City Hall
August 9, 2016
(Transcribed from Tape)**

Members Present: Graham, Mahoney, Sattler, Shutt, City Representative Polinski, Council Representative Tadych

Members Absent: Patzwahl

Others Present: Law Director Ebert

Minutes – The minutes from July 12, 2016 were approved as written.

Tree Preservation Ordinance – Law Director Ebert gave some background information on why there should be some type of Tree Preservation Ordinance.

Many cities already have a Tree Preservation Ordinance in place. Members of the Tree Commission looked at several different cities' ordinances before making this draft ordinance.

Mr. Mahoney said the draft ordinance does not prohibit residents from doing what they need to do on private property, but does set forth guidelines in regards to removing trees. The ordinance is broken down into two parts: one part covers commercial builders building new houses; and one part addresses the homeowner who is improving their property. Trees with at least an 8-inch caliper or more would be covered under this ordinance. Dead and/or diseased trees are not part of this ordinance and would be able to be removed.

The purpose of this ordinance is to preserve the character of Bay Village. Bay Village is a Tree City USA community.

Law Director Ebert will review the ordinance and let the Tree Commission know his thoughts and ideas from a legal standpoint before the next Tree Commission meeting. He also thanked the Tree Commission for all the hard work and effort put into drafting this ordinance.

Vivid Jewelers Plans – Members looked over the revised plans again to bring everyone up to date. More trees were added per the first review by the Tree Commission, along with some green space added.

Glenview School – Tree Planting Update - All parties involved have given positive feedback. A total of nine tree locations have been marked on the curb. Mr. Julian has half the funds already and hopes to get the rest to cover the cost of nine trees. Law Director Ebert and the Finance Director said the donations would be tax deductible.

Mr. Tadych suggested preparing a thank you letter for those who participated in funding this tree planting. Mrs. Shutt will work on preparing the letter. Mr. Graham wanted to

also add "Trees are the only thing that appreciates in value". Mrs. Shutt will forward the letter to everyone.

Homecoming – Mr. Mahoney asked if Tree Commission is going to participate in the parade. It was decided to discuss this at next month's meeting.

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

The next Tree Commission meeting will be September 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Moore

Jackie Moore, Secretary