

**TREE COMMISSION**  
**Video Meeting via Zoom Technology**  
**March 9, 2021**

**Members Present via Zoom:**      **Chairperson Sattler, Dios, Jesionowski, Ludwig, Patzwahl, City Representative Polinski, Council Representative Kelly.**

**Others Present via Zoom:**      **Jonathan Liskovec, Service Director**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes from February 9, 2021 were amended and the last sentence under Website now reads “Ms. Jesionowski suggested having something interesting on the website for spring.” A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended, seconded, and approved by all present.

**ARBORIST REPORT** – The Grant Application was submitted and the plan was to plant 204 trees on various streets. They needed to update some of the trees on the Master Street Tree Plan before submitting the Grant Application. Some of the new additions were similar in size and similar characteristics

There is one area in the City that is drastically losing many of its oak trees to oak wilt. So of the 204 trees to be planted (in the grant) were four different types of oaks: 20 shumard oaks, 16 sawtooth oaks, 14 pin oak and 55 northern red oaks.

Mr. Polinski said Mr. Liskovec has done a map showing the proposed plantings and streets which will be forwarded to Tree Commission members to look at.

Mr. Sattler wanted to know if having a Tree Planting Plan was asked in the Grant Application. Mr. Polinski said it did ask if there was a plan in place.

Mr. Ludwig asked if these oaks are more resistant to oak wilt. Mr. Polinski said that yes the oak trees selected are more resistant to oak wilt than other types of oaks.

Mr. Sattler thought maybe starting next month we can start updating the Master Street Tree Plan. The original plan was completed in 1997.

Most of the Master Street Tree Plan is referenced by ordinance.

Mr. Polinski brought up the question that gets asked a lot is what tree(s) residents can plant in their yards. While making up the Master Street Tree Plan maybe we could have

a separate list for trees that would be good for planting on private property with a category of small, medium and large trees. Trees that will not work on tree lawns could work on private property.

Mr. Polinski attended a webinar and Jose Fernandez from Russel Tree Experts did a presentation on oak wilt and presented the same references that we use. Dates used for trimming oaks to give cities a reference. Once the weather starts warming up into the 60's, the oak wilt starts spreading faster.

Mr. Liskovec reported that Cuyahoga County Soil and Water is in the process of formulating a Legacy Tree Program where they will take donations and are looking for partnership communities to coordinate planting trees and using volunteer help. They reached out to see if Bay Village would like to be one of the Cities to partner with them. The program is still in the infancy stages.

The City's tree canopy in the parks is shrinking so Mr. Liskovec is currently trying to work on a plan to infuse about 300 trees in Bradley Park to increase the tree canopy. When he is further along he would like to bring it to the Tree Commission for their thoughts.

Mr. Liskovec also is in the process of digitizing the Master Street Tree Plan from 1997 so that it would be easier to work with.

**WEBSITE** - Catherine has populated some things on the website. If something is interesting, send it over and if it works, have it put on the website.

Mr. Sattler said keep the information going on Google.docs.

**COUNCIL** – Mr. Kelly reported that Mr. Winzig is now on Planning Commission. He also thought it would be important to do something about regulating the tree trimmer.

Mr. Kelly thought the ordinance would be moving along at some time in the near future Planning and Zoning are going through the ordinance line by line.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**CHAIRPERSON FOR 2021** – Mr. Polinski made a motion to elect Mr. Sattler for chairperson and it was seconded by Mr. Patzwahl. All present voted and Mr. Sattler was elected for 2021. Mr Sattler thanked everyone.

### **MISCELLANEOUS –**

**LIBRARY** - Mr. Patzwahl asked whether the tree to left of Bay Way, which was demolished, is being removed. Mr. Liskovec said the tree was dropped last week.

Mr. Polinski asked about the Memorial Trees that were taken down. Mr. Liskovec said the donor of one of the trees was contacted about them being removed. Mr. Liskovec said he will have to check his notes to see the status of the trees.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting will be April 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jackie Moore*

Jackie Moore, Secretary