

**TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Video Conference via Zoom Technology
May 12, 2020**

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the March minutes as written and it was seconded by Ms. Jesionowski and approved by all present.

ARBORIST REPORT

Arbor Day - Mr. Polinski reported that the Arbor Day Commemoration is a Tree City USA requirement. The Arbor Day Commemoration can be held anytime during the year. Mr. Polinski said it could be done possibly in June or July or at the end of Covid-19 lockdown. Traditionally the commemoration was held on Arbor Day with the school district. However, he did not know when something could be done with other groups. Lakewood held virtual tree plantings along with several cities to meet the requirement for Tree City USA. Mr. Polinski asked if anyone has heard what other cities/communities have done for Arbor Day that maybe we could adapt for our celebration. It could be a spring planting or a fall planting or it could be planting a symbolic tree, a dedication tree for what is going on now. We could tie it in with the Mihaljevic Memorial, and replace the magnolia. Mr. Sattler asked if that memorial will be relocated due to the new library. Mr. Liskovec said it does not look like it will need to be moved according to the plans. The application for Tree City USA is submitted in November.

Service Director Liskovec said the City just signed a contract with Ohio Paving for the Cahoon Park access trail heading north, and suggested maybe something could be done in that area. Ms. Jesionowski said that would a good location and suggested having a planting in the fall.

Mr. Polinski suggested working with the Sea Scouts. Mr. Sattler reminded everyone how they had attended a Tree Commission meeting and the group was working on a few different national scholarships and awards. He had just heard from Mr. Gash recently that the lesson plan they created was selected as the national winner in the Dominion Energy competition and won the national finals. They won scholarship money and 100 redbud saplings.

Mr. Ludwig also mentioned that the Police Memorial project could also be part of the Arbor Day celebration. Mr. Polinski said that this project still needs a lot of preliminary planning and would not be done in time for this year. He thought working with the Sea Scouts would be a good project, but planting the saplings would be wiped out by the deer in the location by the Lake Road bridge and public access trail.

A short discussion followed with other ideas for celebrating Arbor Day.

Arborscope - Mr. Polinski reported that the Tree Inventory Arborscope Program is up and running and is being used on a daily basis. Mr. Polinski will send a link to everyone so they can see the program. They still need to come up with a plan on what reports the public will have access to. All the trees in the “as soon as possible” (removal) category have been removed. This year we were hoping to be ahead of the game with a grant for risk mitigation and pruning, but that funding has been locked out and the application process has been postponed.

Tree Commission Academy - Tree Commission Academy, which is being hosted by Bay Village in August, has not been cancelled yet. Mr. Patzwahl said he would be interested if it does go on. As of right now, all State programs are suspended.

OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION –Mr. Sattler suggested an article be written regarding the new tree inventory program, how the idea started, and what it took to get to where the program is now. Also an article on oak wilt and hiring the right contractor would be another idea. If anyone has any other ideas for articles, let him know.

NEW BUSINESS –

There being no further items to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Ludwig to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be June 9, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Moore

Jackie Moore, Secretary