

**TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Video Meeting via Zoom Technology
June 9, 2020**

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

Others Present via Zoom: Service Director Liskovec, Mr. Pressler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Patzwahl called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. The minutes were approved as written by all present.

ARBORIST REPORT

Arborscope - Mr. Patzwahl commented that he checked out the Arborscope program and thought it looked nice, although it was a little slow when loading and maneuvering through it. Mr. Ludwig and Ms. Jesionowski also said it seemed a little slow. Mr. Polinski said Bartlett is looking into the issue. Mr. Patzwahl asked if the view sent to the commission members is what the residents will be able to see.

Mr. Polinski said the total number of trees in the inventory is actually 3,306 trees. Service Director Liskovec said they plotted future planting sites in categories of small, medium, and large sites, he imported it and sent it to Chagrin Valley Engineering to create an overlay on the City's GIS map. Eventually you will be able to see the sewer systems, manholes, and water meters, water mains, etc. You will be able to have an aerial view, or a regular map and it will include street names.

Upcoming Projects – Service Director Liskovec went over some upcoming projects for planting trees. One project discussed at the last meeting was the Arbor Day celebration to be done in the fall as part of the Cahoon Park trail north of the Lake Road bridge. He showed everyone a layout of the trail. Ohio Paving is the contractor installing the trail. Mr. Patzwahl asked if that was the same area the Sea Scouts were looking at for a project. Service Director Liskovec thought the area they were looking at was located at the lower end of the drawing at the rock channel protection area. He explained where the next trail

project will start. The cabin is the stopping point for the one project and the other project starts at the cabin and meanders up to the sledding hill. The City has obtained an ODNR Ohio Trails grant and bids were received last week and are currently being reviewed.

Mr. Polinski said that now that the City is moving forward with fall projects for tree planting requests, one of the actual planting sites is on Crestview at the dead end where all the new homes are located. There is no street tree in the Master Street Tree Plan. The Tree Commission will need to review the plan and update the list. The last time the list was updated was about 1998. Right now the current plan recommends ash trees.

Mr. Patzwahl explained that when they did the original Master Street Tree Plan they first made a list of appropriate trees for small, medium and large planting spaces based on what was desirable for urban planting in those three categories. Then they looked at the designated planting sites and chose the tree for planting using the established list. Step one would be to review the list and update it.

Mr. Polinski said he would compile a list using the data off the street tree plan, make them into categories of small, medium, and large, and then we can use Dave's approach. We can then see what trees should be removed from the list and see if there are any trees to be added to the list. Some of the trees listed may not be invasive, but sometimes there is a problem with availability (nursery stock that was readily available in 1998 versus now).

Ms. Jesionowski wanted to know if there is certain criteria that needs to be met to get a tree placed on the planting list. Mr. Polinski will pull out that information from the Tree Commission Academy and will get that list for everyone. Mr. Sattler commented that what was done years ago for Master Street Planting plan was cutting edge back then and is still used now. Mr. Sattler suggested referencing other lists already created by third-party entities such as Cleveland Tree Plan, Holden Arboretum, and The Allegheny Plateau Partnership. We should ensure to make this the right list that can stand the test of time.

Mr. Polinski said he will get the information out to everyone when he completes it. It will not be by the next meeting. He also will need to see what planting sites are available on Crestview where the new houses are and see what trees were on the list for the rest of the street. Then he will need to see if that tree will work for the newer area.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT – Councilman Kelly reported that Service Director Liskovec had passed out to the (council) members the Executive Summary of the Tree Inventory Report and it was well received. Being able to see these trees tied to some valuation seemed to resonate with some of them. In terms of funding, everyone is waiting to see where revenues will be.

Tree Ordinance Update - There has not been a lot of movement since meetings are now done remotely and most agenda items are things that are pressing. Mr. Sattler said maybe a presentation can be done on ZOOM to get the information out to residents, explain who we are and what we do in general and advocating for tree protection.

Ms. Jesionowoski suggested to put the ordinance on the Agenda under old business for each meeting so that people will see it and maybe come to a meeting and offer input.

Mr. Kelly asked when the presentation was given to Council. Mr. Sattler thought it was two to three years ago. Mr. Sattler would like to do a presentation again to Council and share this information at a public session, explaining what the ordinance is supposed to do.

Mr. Kelly asked if Mr. Sattler could send him a copy of the presentation that was given to Council. Mr. Sattler would like to present it in person to Council again.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION

Oak Wilt - Mr. Dios is trying to get something out on oak wilt.

Bay Historical Society – Mr. Ludwig asked about the public/private seed money from an earlier meeting, which was presented by Mr. Gertz for possibly using City channels for purchasing trees for private plantings. Mr. Liskovec said he did not think the City could do this type of partnership/funding and some other issues had come up.

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Moore

Jackie Moore, Secretary