

Circleville Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2019

Attendees:

Don Sherman
Paul Hang

Lisa Bowers
Sarah Baehr

Brian Goodall

General

Called to order 9:05, by Paul Hang
Minutes taken by Paul Hang and Lisa Bowers

Old Business

Don motioned the December minutes be approved seconded by Sarah, the minutes were approved.

It is not known whether an ad was placed for the vacancy left by Sue Lumley's resignation. Paul mentioned that he had contacted Rick Rawlins who was interested and submitted his application to be appointed to the commission. Approval could be accomplished at the January City Council meeting.

The Letter to the Mayor re: the budget request: The letter has not been answered. Don Sherman explained that due to revenue shortfalls he was sure no money would be budgeted for the Tree Commissions projects. Don mentioned that the budget is usually set in May and decided on in December.

Circleville Tree Commission Standards and Specifications will be completed by Don Sherman for review and eventually submitted to City Council. Once approved it was agreed that we would have them put on the City's website.

The Benefits of Trees pamphlet submitted by Kristen was discussed. Everyone approved of the format and pictures especially the minimum of verbiage. As it was geared to downtown businesses we thought another should be done for homeowners/general public. It was suggested that we might refer to other sources for those who want more information. Eventually these will go on to the City website. Discussion of feasibility of a Tree Commission web page was held.

Don Sherman suggested possibly using the Visitors bureau events to publicize the importance of trees or have the Tree Commission possibly set up table at such events.

Arbor Day is April 26th. It was decided that planting a tree on the bikeway from the Y to OCU would be a good place to plant a tree adjacent to the school campus. Don will call the school Supt. Jonathon Davis to see if the schools are planning anything. If they are, we might hold our event in conjunction with theirs. Ways of raising money were considered for purchase or donations of a tree to plant and seedlings to pass out to participants. Lisa Bowers offered to email out seedling planting instructions and tree planting instructions to the commission for review. This event could also be publicized for the Tree Commission. It was suggested to use Scioto Post for Media coverage.

Announcements

Lisa invited everyone to the annual Tree City Awards to be held April 18th at Capital University. Reminder that next meeting is Mon., Feb. 4th at 9:00 a.m. at City Administration Building. Motion to adjourn by Lisa Bowers Adjourned at 10:00 a.m.