

TREE COMMISSION MINUTES 8-10-2023

Circleville Tree Commission convened a meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2023, in Council Chambers, 127 South Court St, at 6:00 pm. Roll call. Present were members, Chair: Roman Cline (via-phone call); Alan Gribler, VC Beth Kowalski; Laura Schweitzer; Lisa Wisman; Lori Pritchard; Sheri Theis, Council Liaison, and Linda Chancey and Melissa Burns, Clerks. Absent: Mark Fouch and Beth Kowalski.

Gribler motioned to approve the August 14, 2023. Laura Schweitzer seconded. Motion carried. Lori Pritchard was Pro Tem for this tree commission meeting.

Tree Commission Budget status

The tree budget was \$10,000, with the remaining \$6,000 in the account.

Update: Tree Tags Contest- Community involvement game.

Three individuals submitted their names along with their findings for the tree contest. The winner will be contacted to receive free tree plantings and invited to attend the next Tree Commission meeting.

ODNR / Service Dept pruning workshop.

There was a pruning workshop, and it was very successful, the Service Dept. attended the workshop meeting, too. This is beneficial for everyone on pruning trees.

Spring planting

Spring planning - supplies needed are straps for staking. Revisit other parks for stakes to be removed. Plan a weekend for pulling stakes. Meeting at Dollar General on 8/19 at 9:00 am.

Fall planting status.

Planting begins after the Pumpkin Show, stake the spots then plant November 1st or 3rd. Plant the evergreens in the first week of October before the fall planting, staked for spots. Talked to the surrounding schools for student availability to help plant the trees.

- materials needed. stakes, straps, tree orders (Acorn or Rhoades) letters- owners of properties for new trees.

Forestry Grant status – awarded in October.

Election of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2024.

Gribler nominates Roman Cline as board chair. Seconded by Kowalski. Motion carried. Pritchard nominated Beth Kowalski. Gribler seconded. Motion carried.

New Discussion items

Vivan Monce, 424 Glenmont Court interested in a tree planted in the middle of the cul-de-sac, Cline will review the area.

Google account – for board information. circlevilletreecommission.com

Tree Plan for Pumpkin Show parking – the Youth leagues will be parking cars.

Tree City USA application is due in December, portal open in October format web based. Need Tree Annual Work Plan with accomplishments, Ordinance, Mayor proclamation, six sets of minutes, Arbor Day information and Mayor signature - email directly to ODNR. First go to Arbor Day foundation and setup account.

Pritchard and Reynolds discussed wording in the new ordinance.

Central Ohio Urban Forestry Conf. is scheduled for Thursday, October 12th Capital University.

The Next Tree Commission meeting is Thursday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Schweitzer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m., seconded by Gribler. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Linda Chancey, Clerk