

TREE COMMISSION MINUTES 9-14-2023

Circleville Tree Commission convened a meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2023, in Council Chambers, 127 South Court St, at 6:00 pm. Roll call. Chair: Roman Cline; (via phone call in). Present: Acting Chair Lori Pritchard: Alan Gribler; Laura Schweitzer; Lisa Wiseman and Sheri Theis, Council Liaison. Clerk Linda Chancey. Absent: VC Beth Kowalski and Mark Fouch. Guest – Tom Duvall, Council Member

The August 10, 2023, minutes were not approved at the last meeting.

Old Business:

1. Gribler, Cline, Kowalski, and Theis walked Main St to remove older stakes, but replaced some of older stakes with bamboo stakes because the trees were bending, and a couple of trees were pruned. Pruning and stake removal day report - August 19
2. Budget Status – \$9,000.00 for fall planting.

Fall Planting Day #1 - South Court Street/Pickaway Street/Union St and contest winner.

1. November 9th, tree planning day with FFA school student, the other dates that was suggested the school students cannot help on that date but will recheck dates with school.
2. Service Dept - going to purchase a tree spade to help with digging holes for trees.
3. PC DD- “PROJECT LIFT” program, this program helps the students with volunteering in the community, will check dates with them. We will see if they could help on the November 3 planting day.
4. Gribler explained the number of trees that need to be ordered for trees planning.
5. Property owner letters – no refusal letters received for planting trees: Main St property owner asked for additional two trees to be planted besides the two fall plantings total of four trees for one property address.
6. Volunteers – addressed in #1 and #3.

Fall Planting Day #2 – Friday November 3rd.

1. Tree Planting schedule - Emerine Park -2 Contest winners/Monce cul-de-sac. 428 East Main planting and 935 South Washington.
2. Tree order and supplies – Budget for tree order was discussed (\$175.00 per tree), need to get trees ordered. Needs to be finalized in October. After the trees are ordered, they will be delivered to Emerine Park. Probably need to order metal stakes and straps for fall planting and replace wooden stakes too.
3. Volunteers – this was discussed in fall planting # 1. School needs to be contacted for dates.

New Business:

Tree City USA Application - Tree Ord revisions -

1. Ordinance revisions are not yet completed, need more information, and need to follow up with Alistair Reynolds for more information on standards before application is submitted.

ODNR Urban Canopy Restoration Grant Application

2. ODNR Urban Canopy Restoration Grant Application - due October 14, 2023. The reimbursement process was explained. Need to start the process on this grant. The consensus of the Tree Commission was in favor of applying for this.
3. Cline is going to ask Beth Kowalski to spearhead the ODNR Grant process. All Yeas.

New Discussion items – none was discussed.

The Next Tree Commission meeting is Thursday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Gribler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m., seconded by Wiseman. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Linda Chancey, Clerk