

CIRCLEVILLE TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 6-13-2024

Circleville Tree Commission convened a meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2024, in Council Chambers, 127 South Court St, at 6:00 pm. Roll call. Present: VC Beth Kowalski; Alan Gribler, Mark Fouch and Council Liaison Sheri Theis. Clerk Linda Chancey.

Absent: Roman Cline; Lisa Wiseman. Laura Schweitzer and Lori Prichard,

Guests present – Doug Baker, Paul Hang, and Joe and Rennie Bradshaw.

Beth Kowalski opened the meeting with Roll Call.

There was no quorum (4 Absents) to approve May 9, 2024, minutes.

Evergreens to finish Ted Lewis Park planting of screen.

Paul Hang provided a list of varieties of evergreens to finish Ted Lewis's Park, in process of ordering them.

Main Street Tree Order

Rhoades Farm Market was given a list of trees to order for planting on North and South Court St. Theis explained the Excel sheet for new tree planting locations. Also, Theis explained the Main Street order for trees that was requested from property owners.

Gribler stated the City is responsible for the maintenance of trees and sidewalks.

Urban and Community Forestry grant status

Theis stated no official word on when the city will sign for the grant. When the official word for funding is available, the City will hire a Tree Arborist. Theis explained the grant funding wording for items that that can be used. Finding tree spots in and around the city was discussed.

Tree City USA signs and hat order.

Kowalski stated the Tree City order has arrived and she distributed hats, and the new Tree City signs were viewed. The new Tree City signs will be placed around the city by the Service Dept. Everyone that was present at tonight's meeting received a Tree City Hat. There was a picture taken of a group with new hats and new Tree City signs for the media.

New Business:

Watering plan for summer start date –

Water bags were placed on newly planted trees and the trees already planted will be filled up; the City is going to water the trees.

Ermine Park, the new basketball courts with parking spaces are installed, and the trees were planted around the perimeter of the park. Gribler will talk with Chris Cupp, supervisor, about watering the trees. Kowalski stated there needs to be a water schedule for trees.

Planting locations for two hundred trees this fall.

There are still places in the parks for more trees and along the streets.

Theis explained the boundaries line within the City for tree plantings.

New or Any other business

- Rennie Bradshaw asked can a tag be placed on the tree that says this family waters this tree? It will encourage the family to be involved in the watering process. All the members liked this idea.
- Next meeting Thursday, July 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Gribler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m., Kowalski seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Chancey, Clerk