

**SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MOTION SUMMARY
April 26, 2016**

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Chairman Olen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Shannon Brewster, Jim Buck, Tom Glissman, Tom Wolber, Councilmember George Hellinger, Vice-Chairwoman Susan Wright, and Chairman Paul Olen

Members Absent: Dave Carey and Juliette Rike

Staff Present: Ted Miller, Parks and Natural Resources Director, Doug Richmond, City Arborist and Linda Mathews, Customer Service Liaison

Motion to Excuse: Mr. Wolber moved to excuse Mr. Carey and Ms. Rike, seconded by Mr. Buck. Motion approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MOTION SUMMARY of Shade Tree Commission meeting held March 22, 2016 as recorded and transcribed.

Vice-Chairwoman Wright indicated that there was an error on the minutes from March 22, 2016 in which the Motion Summary should have reflected a vote for the Annual Arbor Day tree planting ceremony to reflect 8-0 and not 8-2. The Clerk did submit an amended Motion Summary to reflect the requested change.

Motion: Mr. Wolber moved to approve the amended Motion Summary for the March 22, 2016 meeting, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Wright. Motion approved with a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 3. INTRODUCTION of Parks and Natural Resource Director

Mr. Ted Miller introduced himself to the Commission. A discussion was held with Mr. Miller regarding concerns of the mess created by the fruit trees in the Downtown Business and Historic District.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Rayna Patton
86 Delaware Crossing E.
Delaware, Ohio 43026

Ms. Patton voiced her concern over the proposed road connection at Valleyside Drive. Ms. Patton discussed concerns over the diversity of birds and wildlife in the area that need the trees that would be removed. Councilman Hellinger discussed the benefit for a road connection to reduce emergency response time in the area.

Ms. Patton provided a copy of the report by Professor Edward H. Burt, Jr., "Delaware Run Floodplain: Preserving Nature in an Urban Landscape".

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION of 2016 Arbor Day Activities

Vice-Chairwoman Wright discussed the plans and outline of activities for Arbor Day. Mr. Richmond indicated that the designated tree will already be planted. Vice-Chairwoman stated that Mr. Carey will bring the seedlings to be passed out.

Discussion was held on the upcoming May 6, 2015 First Friday event.

Mr. Wolber presented the revised summary for the pamphlet completed by Mr. Buck. Mr. Wolber plans to reformat and submit to the city staff for approval. The Commission was in agreement to pass out the remainder of the older pamphlets if administrative approval is not received in time for the event.

ITEM 6. ARBORIST REPORT

Mr. Richmond reviewed the provided monthly summary. Mr. Richmond indicated that 16 street trees were pruned and 4 trees were removed.

Mr. Richmond provided an update on current inventory and plans for spring planting.

A discussion was held on homeowners replacing and planting their own street trees. Mr. Richmond recommended that specific homeowners are encouraged to call the city to be aware of and follow city protocol and recommended trees. Mr. Richmond discussed also making these residents aware of the Cost Share Program.

ITEM 7. STAFF COMMENTS

ITEM 8. MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice-Chairwoman Wright provided an update on the Annual Tree City U.S.A. event that she attended along with Mr. Richmond and Ms. Brewster.

Chairman Olen discussed a request by Councilman DiGenova to have an oak tree planted for the Veteran's Memorial.

Mr. Wolber thanked Chairman Olen and Vice-Chairwoman Wright for presenting the Annual Shade Tree Report to council.

ITEM 9. PLAN REVIEWS

Ms. Mathews stated that there will be an additional review for Columbia Gas.

- A. Midwest Acoust-a-Fiber- Plan accepted as submitted with recommendation to change Cleveland Select Pears trees to either Adirondack, Marlee, or Centurion Crabapple trees as Pears are a contributing factor to the Callery Pear invasive issue.
- B. Speedway- Accepted as submitted with suggestion that the White Spruce trees be substituted with an equal quantities of Norway, Blue and Black Hills Spruce instead of the White Spruce
- C. Washington Enterprises- Accepted as submitted with 2 of the Sugar Maples on S. Sandusky Street be changed to American Hornbeam due to overhead utility wires and visibility concerns.
- D. Millbrook-Section 2- Accepted as submitted with only changes being trees at intersections being moved to allow for sight triangle.
- E. Columbia Gas- Accepted as submitted with suggestion to diversify Spruce Trees to include Blue, Norway and Black Hills Spruce.

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Wolber moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Wright. The Shade Tree Commission meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Paul D. Olen 5.24.16
Chairman Olen

Elaine M. Coskey
Clerk