

**SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MOTION SUMMARY
May 24, 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 Resource 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 Vice-Chairwoman Wright. Motion approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MOTION SUMMARY of Shade Tree Commission meeting of April 26, 2016 as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Wright moved to approve the Motion Summary for the April 26, 2016 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Hellinger. Motion approved with a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ITEM 4. ARBORIST REPORT

Mr. Richmond provided an update on activities completed in May 2016. Mr. Richmond stated that 3 tree stumps were removed and that 14 trees were pruned. Information provided on planning for the browse collection for the Columbus Zoo.

Mr. Wolber discussed reviewing the tree stewardship program to find volunteers to assist with pruning.

Mr. Wolber discussed the recent discussion that City Council had regarding the transfer of money from Speedway into the tree fund. A discussion was held on the use of the tree fund. Councilmember Hellinger indicated that they may make recommendations to Council on use of the funding.

Mr. Wolber voiced his concern regarding the utility work to be provided by W.O.W. and concerns of disturbance to the ground in utility easement and

right of ways. Mr. Miller stated that the Assistant City Manager has had contact with W.O.W. regarding city standards.

Mr. Wolber informed Mr. Richmond that 2 maple trees at the end of Plowington Drive, located in Carson Farms, appear to be loose and leaning.

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION of Invasive Species

Chairman Olen provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Invasive Species and the threat they pose and impact to the surrounding environment.

Mr. Miller provided information on successful efforts and techniques used in Hamilton County against invasive species.

Mr. Wolber discussed the use of goats in other communities to graze on the invasive species as a control method.

ITEM 6. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Miller provided an update on the preliminary plans for Valleyside Drive.

Mr. Wolber voiced his concern over the proposed bridges for Valleyside Drive. Mr. Wolber recommends due to flooding issues that can occur in the area that city staff look at a bridge that is higher and wider. Mr. Wolber also recommended that part of the bridge be dedicated for safe passage for wild life.

Mr. Miller provided information of the proposal by the Northwest Neighborhood Association to turn Boardman Field into a passive park.

Mr. Miller provided an update on the E. William Street improvements and potential root barrier tactics.

ITEM 7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairman Olen requested an update regarding a new student representative. Ms. Mathews stated that staff has made an inquiry with Delaware City Schools.

Vice-Chairwoman Wright discussed plans for the June 18 Watershed Festival. Vice-Chairwoman Wright plans to distribute a sign-up sheet by email for volunteers. Vice-Chairwoman Wright and Ms. Brewster indicated that they will be unavailable to volunteer at the event. A request was made by the Commission for two tables.

Mr. Wolber provided an update information handout of the City of Delaware Shade Tree Commission.

ITEM 8. PLAN REVIEWS

Ms. Mathews stated that there will be an additional review for Ohio Wesleyan Residential Living Units on Rowland Avenue.

- A. Certified Oil-Approved as submitted for address 2061 U.S. Highway 23, Delaware, Ohio.
- B. Symmetry II-Approved with right of way trees changed to little leaf lindens.
- C. Ohio Wesleyan Residential Living Units-Rowland Avenue-Informational

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Wolber moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairman Olen. The Shade Tree Commission meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Paul M. Olen 6.28.16
Chairman Olen

Glenn McCloskey
Clerk