

SHADE TREE COMMISSION
June 28, 2016
MOTION SUMMARY

ITEM 1. Roll Call

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

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

Members Absent: Shannon Brewster and Tom Glissman

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 Ms. Brewster and Mr. Glissman, seconded by Mr. Buck. Motion approved by a 6-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MOTION SUMMARY of Shade Tree Commission meeting of May 24, 2016 as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Wright moved to approve the Motion Summary for the May 24, 2016 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Hellinger. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ITEM 4. ARBORIST REPORT

Mr. Richmond provided an update on activities completed in June 2016. Mr. Richmond informed the Commission that 3 tree was removed and that 10 stumps were ground out in June. Information was provided the current backlog of street trees. Discussion was held on tree pruning issues in the Lantern Chase subdivision. Mr. Richmond provided an update on the partnership with the Columbus Zoo to provide browse for the Zoo animals.

ITEM 5. PRESENTATION of Boardman Art Garden Concepts

Mr. Miller reviewed two different potential concept plans.

Vice-Chairwoman Wright voiced a concern over the potential completion of this park over other neighborhoods that are also in need of a pocket park.

Councilmember Hellinger voiced a concern over the cost to maintain the Delaware Run. Mr. Wolber discussed potential grants to help with the cost of the Delaware Run.

Mr. Olen discussed the net loss of caliber inches from construction projects for Delaware City Schools and the possible replacement of those trees on this property.

ITEM 6. REVIEW and RECOMMENDATION on Street Tree Replacement and Pruning Management

Mr. Miller reviewed the backlog of trees to be replaced and discussed plans to be on a five year management plan.

Mr. Miller plans to discuss with the Finance Director available funds for tree replacement.

Mr. Carey provided information to the Commission regarding discussion with the homeowner president of Cheshire Crossing in regards to compliance regulation for the homeowner association in replacing street trees. Mr. Miller to have staff reach out to the homeowner association.

ITEM 7. REVIEW of Commission Outreach Activities

Vice-Chairwoman Wright discussed Arbor Day activities, First Friday events, and the Watershed Festival. Discussion was held on what activities the Commission would like to continue or add. Chairman Olen voiced the need to have the Shade Tree Commission represent the city at organized events. Mr. Wolber discussed previous efforts to meet with schools for education and activities.

Vice-Chairwoman Wright requested that the Shade Tree Commission banner be returned to Ms. Mathews and all remaining flyers be returned to her. Mr. Wolber shared the new flyer for the Shade Tree Commission.

ITEM 8. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Miller reviewed educational material on street tree pruning for the public and requested input from the Commission at the next meeting.

Discussion held on public notification of street pruning. Mr. Miller discussed the use of lawn signs throughout the neighborhood instead of the use of door signs for notification.

ITEM 9. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Carey discussed current status of the Tree Stewardship program. Chairman Olen recommended to try a different neighborhood and Vice-Chairwoman Wright discussed her recommendation to separate the pruning

from tree stewardship.

Mr. Wolber requested information on the demand and public involvement for Adopt a Park programs. Ms. Mathews discussed current group participation in the program.

Mr. Wolber informed the Commission that the Shade Tree Commission had only reviewed the informational concept for the Ohio Wesleyan Residential Living Units on Rowland Avenue, but did not provide a formal recommendation to Council.

ITEM 8. PLAN REVIEWS

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Wolber moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Buck. The Shade Tree Commission meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.


Chairman Olen


Clerk