

SHADE TREE COMMISSION
April 24, 2018
MOTION SUMMARY

ITEM 1. Roll Call

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

Members Present: Shannon Brewster, Tom Glissman, Tom Wolber, Becki Wood-Meek, Vice-Chairwoman Susan Wright, and Chairman Paul Olen

Members Absent: Gracie Schafer and Dave Carey

Staff Present: Linda Mathews, Customer Service Liaison and Doug Richmond, Arborist

Motion to Excuse: Mr. Wolber moved to excuse Ms. Schafer and Mr. Carey, seconded by Chairman Olen. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MOTION SUMMARY of Shade Tree Commission meeting of February 27, 2018 as recorded and transcribed.

Vice-Chairwoman Wright requested that page 2 there be a correction from the word Litigation to Mitigation. Mr. Wolber requested that on page 2 it be specified that there are 88 crab apple trees inventoried in the downtown area. These changes were made per request.

Motion: Mr. Wolber moved to approve the Motion Summary for the February 27, 2018 meeting, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Wright. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION of Community Outreach Activities

- A. Arbor Day/Healthy Kids Day
- B. First Friday
- C. NOW Festival

Vice-Chairwoman Wright provided a signup sheet for members to attend the events.

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION of Creating a Resolution to Council Regarding the BIA

The Commission was in agreement to move forward with a recommendation to Council to allow a member from the Shade Tree Commission to be present during meetings with the BIA. They discussed the need to have representation at the meetings. Mr. Wolber recommended that the resolution be changed to state:

“The Shade Tree Commission of the City of Delaware is hereby respectfully requesting that at least one member of the commission be present and permitted to fully participate during any and all physical or virtual meetings between City of Delaware staff and the Building Industry Association of Central Ohio (BIA) when these meetings include topics covered by the Shade Tree Commission’s charter of 1977 or the current tree replacement fee structure.”

Motion: Mr. Wolber moved to formally adopt this resolution and present the recommendation to City Council, seconded by Chairman Olen. Motion approved by a 6-0 vote.

ITEM 6. ARBORIST REPORT

Mr. Richmond reviewed with the Commission that in February there were 6 large caliber trees were removed due to being deemed hazardous and that 3 small caliber trees were removed. There were 37 street streets pruned for street, sidewalk, and signage clearance.

Mr. Richmond reviewed with the Commission the March Arborist Report. He informed them that there was 4 large caliper trees removed and 3 smaller caliper trees removed. There were 93 street trees pruned and that pruning operation is increasing.

Mr. Richmond informed the Commission that Caroline Cicerchi, Watershed and Sustainability Coordinator, had a group of students plant 500 seedlings at the Wetland Park.

Mr. Richmond provided an update on the Tree City U.S.A. program that he recently attended and this is the 37 year for the City of Delaware to be a Tree City U.S.A.

Ms. Brewster requested information on the status of the landscaping at the Sandusky Street and U.S. 23 exit. She voiced a concern over the empty beds that are mulched only. Mr. Richmond provided an update on what is planted and that the contractors have planted everything that they were required to plant per plan.

Ms. Brewster requested an update for the Tree of Life Program and when this program will begin. She informed the Commission that there are various people that have indicated they would like to participate in this memorial. Mr.

Miller discussed the need to find an ideal location for the display.

A discussion was held on the requirements to have a college campus be a Tree Campus and also the requirements to receive a Growth Award.

ITEM 7. STAFF COMMENTS

ITEM 8. MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairman Olen read into the record the 2018 Arbor Day Proclamation. The Commission plans to display the proclamation at their upcoming events.

Mr. Glissman informed the Commission that there will be two trees planted in memorial of the recent loss of Buckeye Valley students on May 11.

Mr. Wolber voiced concern on if care would be provided to the 500 seedlings to prevent growth. He discussed past seedlings that did not survive due to location and lack of care. Mr. Wolber thanked Mr. Carey and Vice-Chairwoman Wright for presenting the 2017 Shade Tree Commission Annual Report to City Council at the April 23, 2018 meeting.

ITEM 9. PLAN REVIEW

A. Communities at Glenross-Section 15: Approved with species suggestions by City Arborist

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Chairman Olen moved to adjourn the meeting. The Shade Tree Commission meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Chairman or Vice-Chairman



Clerk