



Shade Tree and Beautification

August 29, 2017

Commission Meeting

Minutes

3:00 PM

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Kate Burley	Board Member	Present	
James Brown	Chair	Present	
Brian Ball	City Engineer	Present	
Joel Daniels	Safety Service Director	Absent	
Marilyn Nagy	Board Member	Remote	
Dave Carpenter		Present	
Tom Mickley	Board Member	Absent	
Jim Meyer	Board Member	Present	

Judy Ashcraft-Recording Secretary  
Brian Wade-Wade and Gatton  
Susan Karhl-City Council

### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

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Ms. Burley made a motion to accept the minutes from the July meeting. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. AIF, motion carries

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Brown stated that there was no money was spent for this last month and we still have \$11,000.00 available.

### **SCALE INFESTATION**

Mr. Carpenter stated that the Parks Department treated and paid for the trees that were infected by Scale infestation. Mr. Carpenter stated that they will look at the trees again in the spring. There have been 42 trees infected.

### **TREE CITY PLANTERS**

Mr. Mickley and members of the Shade Tree Commission went out and looked at sites and talked to people . Mr. Mickley was going to send out letters to home owners stating that the City has a Tree City Partners program that gives them an option for a tree and the agreement on their part is that they would water the tree. A watering bag

would be provided and they would fill the bag with water. Mr. Brown stated that the idea with this program is to cut down on the city's watering requirements.

Mr. Brown stated that he has asked that the Mayor put this in his weekly brief.

Mr. Brown stated that if someone wants to request a tree they need to call the Engineering Department and talk to Ms. Ashcraft, she will get the information and the Shade Tree commission will review it.

Mr. Carpenter stated that he would have the information put in the Mount Vernon News.

Mr. Brown stated that this is an Ariel Grant and is good for 30 trees a year and we are on a 4 year cycle.

Mr. Brown stated that we have an Arborist that is going to come in through the winter months and prune the trees through another grant which is on a 4 year cycle as well.

## **2017 ARIEL GRANTS**

Ms. Burley stated that the last bill came in for the tree removal on E. Gambier Street and Wooster Road is finished. All three invoices for the grants are finished.

Ms. Burley stated that they walked again to get firmer count of the trees that are going in on E. Gambier Street, should be 84 trees on E. Gambier St.

Wooster Road also need to be looked at.

Plantings need to be done yet at the AFP from last year but we are waiting until fall.

Mr. Ball stated that spot removal of trees on Sandusky Street needs to be done and also a hand full on E. Vine St also need to be done.

Ms. Burley stated that there is one stump left on E. Gambier Street and will be taken care of when the sidewalk is done.

The priority of the grant is to get everything replanted.

## **PLEASANT STREET TREES**

Mr. Ball stated that the trees have been removed on Pleasant Street and Columbia Gas is working out there because they did not put the gas line deep enough to plant tree over. Planting possibly fall of 2018. Construction start date will be in October.

Mr. Ball stated that Coshocton Ave. has to be a higher priority than Pleasant Street.

Mr. Brown stated that we have estimated that there are 84 trees to replace on Gambier Street, 20 on Pleasant Street and 40 trees on Wooster Road.

## **TREE WATERING**

Ms. Burley stated the number of trees that are planted thru the Ariel Foundation Grants may need to be reevaluated if the trees are not going to be able to be watered at the end of August through October because of the lack of employees due to the summer help returning to school.

Ms. Kahlr suggested that notices be put out at the colleges.

Mr. Brown suggested that we take power points to Garden clubs and show them what we have been doing and show different clubs like the Elks, Eagles, Moose, Station Break and tell them what we are doing and where we need help and maybe we can put a crew together.

Mr. Carpenter stated to water all of the trees it takes two people and typically 3 to 3 and a half days a week, eight hours a day.

Mr. Ball stated that the City received a Beautification Award for the CA&C Rain Garden presented by the Town and Country Garden Club. This is the Project of the year award. Ms. Kahlr stated that she nominated the CA&C.

Mr. Brown asked if the Rain Garden at Kroger's was going to be funded by the same program. Mr. Ball stated that it would be a partnership with the owner and the city and would be more of a rock garden.

Ms. Burley stated that the three trees at the CA&C that need to be moved need to decide where to move them. Mr. Carpenter stated that one of them will go where the dead Sycamore tree is at and the other two he will pick the locations for them. One is a Linden, one is a Crabtree and the other is a Lilac.

Mr. Brown stated that every year the city buys 2500 daffodil bulbs and the Career Center plants them. Mr. Brown asked the committee to think about where to plant them this year.

Mr. Brown stated that Mr. John Fair is not going to be on council after the first of the year and has 17 years with council. Mr. Brown would like to plant a tree for him at Arch Park. Mr. Fairs favorite tree is a Crimson King Maple so that is what they would plant.

### **MOUNT VERNON AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT**

Mr. Ball stated that the 2019 project for the Mount Vernon Avenue Bridge which will be widening of the bridge, north of the plant there is an area that has been planted and most of that area will be disturbed.

Mr. Ball stated that the trees will be removed and have been identified and would like to have them replanted somewhere else. We will be widening the road at Quarry Street and adding a whole lane through it and also moving the bike trail around .

Mr. Brown suggested they plant the trees at Memorial Park where the holes were dug. Mr. Carpenter stated that the holes have been filled with dirt but can be dug up again.

### **ADJOURN**

Ms. Kahr announced the Cemetery Tour is September 10, 2017.

Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting.