

MINUTES
Whitehouse Tree Commission
November 16, 2017

Commissioners Present: Chairman; Sheri Luedtke, Members; Amy Schultz, Elliot Tramer, Christine Manzey, Michelle Tippie, Diane Toffler and Janet Traub. Village Representative, Mark Thomas. Council Representative, Rebecca Conklin-Kleiboemer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Sheri Luedtke, at 7:05 pm. The minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting were approved. Motion to approve was made by Chris Manzey and seconded by Michelle Tippie. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Tree Seminar: Was held at Bluffton University and the topics on tree survival and the importance of pollination were discussed.

Tree City and Growth Awards: Sheri Luedtke turned in the Tree City Application information to Jill Gundy. Elliot Tramer stated that the information for our Growth Award is being turned in.

Forms & Documents: Sheri Luedtke was able to get some information at Bluffton on the Gypsy Moth and will put it into our files.

Tree Inventory: Mark Thomas reported that the trees for fall planting have been ordered and that village personnel will be planting them. Elliot Tramer would like to know when the planting is done for his sons memorial trees. Also discussed was the need to update the Master Plan to show new streets in the Whitehouse Valley and Steeplechase subdivisions and the upcoming Preserve subdivision. Janet Traub agreed to make these updates and then forward this information on to Steve Pilcher.

New Business:

Meeting Plan for 2018: Meeting Plan was reviewed and agreed upon.

Confirm Members: All members present agreed to continue into 2018 their activity with the Tree Commission. Members not present will be contacted by Sheri Luedtke.

Winter News Letter; Sheri Luedtke will be writing an article for the Whitehouse Newsletter. The topic will be Whitehouse hosting Tree Commission Academy.

Spring Seminar: Chris Manzey mentioned that a presentation on Gall Woods might be an interesting topic as it is located near Whitehouse. Another possibility might be to have Roger and Judy Meyers talk about bees, planting pollinators and bee products.

Tree Commission Academy: To be held in Whitehouse on January 9 and 10, 2018 for a freshman class. As hosts, we will be providing a small breakfast and lunch for the attendees.

We will contact local businesses to try to get them to provide some of the food for this event. We scheduled a meeting at Sheri Luedtke's home on December 11th at 7:00 pm to finalize plans.

Review of Tree Commission Volunteer Hours: Mark Thomas will review with Jill Gundy the number of hours reported for our various projects, as it was noted that some updating need to be made.

Anthony Wayne School Landscape Plans: Plans were presented for the Operations Building and the Soccer Fields. Upon review of these plans, the Tree Commission found no objections to the selection and placement of trees with a motion to approve by Elliot Tramer and second by Michelle Tippie.

Meeting was adjourned by Sheri Luedtke at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Schultz