

Minutes

Whitehouse Tree Commission

January 25, 2018

Attendees: Chairman Sheri Luedtke, Vice-Chair Amy Schultz, Elliot Tramer, Christine Manzey, Diane Toffler, Janet Traub, Madisyn Curry, and Michelle Tippie. Village Representative Mark Thomas.

Chairman Sheri Luedtke called the meeting to order at 19:01 and asked for the approval of the minutes for the November 16, 2017 meeting. Elliot Tramer moved for approval as submitted. Christine Manzey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Janet Traub took control of the meeting and called for the nomination of, and election of, officers for 2018. Both Chairman Sheri Luedtke and Vice-Chair Amy Schultz graciously agreed to another term. Both were unanimously approved by the Commission members. Congratulations!

Old Business:

TCA

Chairman Sheri Luedtke collected outstanding receipts/bills for purchases made for Tree Commission Academy. She will submit those to the Village for re-imbusement. Elliot stated that Whitehouse Inn will send their bill directly to the Village. Sheri will check to make sure that this is processed for them.

The Sophomore class of Tree Commission Academy will be held Wednesday April 4th and Thursday April 5th in the Village Council Chambers. We discussed taking the class to the Hope Church Community Lunch on Wednesday the 4th. If the Church cancels due to a funeral we will call and have pizza delivered. There was no discussion regarding lunch on the 5th. Breakfast was a hit for the Freshman class so similar accommodations will be made for April's class. It was suggested that popcorn be made available again.

Tree Inventory

Mark reported that pruning has been done in the Village Meadows and Birch Pointe subdivisions.

David Tramer's memorial trees have been planted and the marker stones are in place.

In an attempt to assist with Christine's Senior TCA project Mark will ask Jill Gundy what software is used to maintain the Tree Inventory for the Village.

Christine suggested that we make sure that the Village Park inventory that Penta provided for us is updated. She also proposed that we use Oak Opening native trees whenever possible in the implementation of the Village Master Plan.

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Forms and Docs

Janet provided updated Master Plan maps that include the new subdivision additions. She emailed copies to Jill to be uploaded to the website.

When the weather clears the additional extension of Newbury and all of The Preserve will need to be mapped.

New Business:

The Spring Newsletter will be composed by Christine. The topic will be Mason Bees.

Sheri suggested inviting Judy and Roger Meyer to provide their presentation on bee keeping for the Spring Seminar. She will see if they are available on April 21st for a 10:00 program.

Janet will work on coordinating this year's Invasive Species removal around the large quarry. She is looking at the fall shortly after classes go back into session. She will contact the Metroparks volunteer coordinator to be sure we are in compliance with their wishes.

Mark informed us that the Village will begin handing the maintenance projects for the quarry over to the Metroparks in the near future.

There was no information on the Metroparks Enrichment classes.

Anthony Wayne Schools proposal for tree plantings at the Finzel Road property were reviewed.

It is the recommendation of the Commission that the engineers replace #25 of the various Acers with the following: American Basswood, Sycamore, American Elm, Burr Oak and Hackberry.

With the likely progression of the Asian Longhorn beetle into the area **in the future** we feel this would provide enough diversity on the site to withstand an infestation but still leave trees standing. Maple is one of the favorites of the Asian Longhorn beetle. The suggested replacements are native to this region and **may** be more resistant.

The enhancement of the Verizon Cell Tower was discussed. When the cost of approx. \$150,000.00 was found on the internet the subject lost most of its steam.

Sheri suggested a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Amy and seconded by Janet. It carried unanimously at 19:59.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle K. Tippie