

Whitehouse Tree Commission  
Minutes of Meeting – July 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Sheri Luedtke at 7:00 PM. Members Present: Chairperson, Sheri Luedtke, Amy Schultz, Michelle Tippie, Janet Traub, Chris Manzey, and staff representative, Mark Thomas.

Amy Schultz moved to accept the minutes of the June 28, 2018. Michelle Tippie seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Farmers Market - Amy reported attendance has been lower this year. Saturdays July 29 and August 4 we are looking for a member to man the Tree Commission display. Michelle will be able to handle it on August 4. We hope to use the Farmers Market days to promote our Seminar on August 23rd, Thursday.

Village Newsletter - Michelle has already provided an article on good tree mulching to Barb Knisely. She may have to condense it to meet the tightened fall newsletter format.

Master Tree Plan - No one has visited the new streets yet to establish what the site quality numbers are. Janet provided plat copies of The Preserve and of Steeplechase at Whitehouse Plat Four. There is still another new road to find a map for, possibly it will be on Steeplechase Plat Five and Janet will look online for some record of its configuration for the field assessment visit. Chris and Elliot will make site visits and inform other members of the commission of the date if they want to accompany them.

Tree Inventory - During discussion Mark stated it's possible some of the previous Arbor Day trees might have to be relocated during construction of the new grade school or the construction near public trees procedure will be followed.

The tree planted at 6416 Whitehouse Valley Dr., a sassafras, was too small and it died. North Branch Nursery will be providing a new tree to replace it.

Mark will check once more on the status of the Golden Rain tree selected as a memorial tree proposed near the farmers market area.

Sheri confirmed with the owner of All-Wear that our village public tree notification steps were followed while their street tree was being installed.

Due to the droughthy weather, the tulip tree on Lenderson south of Cable needs a watering bag.

Forms and Documents - Janet provided the plats mentioned above under "Master Tree Plan" for the file cupboard.

2018 Tree Commission Seminar - Thursday August 23 at 7 pm, Ashlee Decker of Green Ribbon Initiative (GRI) will present an informative talk on the Oak Openings Region to a Whitehouse audience. At 6 pm the tree commission, before the seminar, will hold its August meeting, perhaps in the conference room just off the council chambers. we will need to finalize the meeting location and seminar details before August 23.

Tree Commission Academy - The upcoming Junior class, is scheduled for consecutive Wednesdays, September 12th and 19th. At our August meetings the commission will work on plans for those dates.

Quarry Invasives - This year, invasives removal on the quarry rim will move along to a segment not in the Whitehouse Administration control, but entirely within the Metroparks control as agreed previously with Tim Gallaher of the Metroparks. Now that the time is nearer, Janet will solidify the plan with Todd Crail of the Environmental Science Department at the University of Toledo, Tim Gallaher, and Annie Devine, volunteer coordinator of the Metroparks.

New Business:

Sheri requested that any pictures members have or can remember to take of official activities will be helpful for completing the Tree City application. Farmers market, Arbor Day, seminar, invasives control, and any Silva Cell installation images would be valuable. Copies of Toledo Naturalists Association newsletters with tree topics will also be important.

The commission must assure itself that we will get the necessary Arbor Day Foundation points for a 2018 Growth Award. We'll review the items we have fulfilled at the August meeting.

Members are interested in seeing if a small flag pole could be installed near the "Whitehouse Depot" bathroom building so the Tree City flag could be flown during farmers market days, for example. A tree tagging project, possibly in conjunction with scouts, might be a good idea to heighten tree-value awareness in the public.

Janet Traub moved adjournment, and Amy Schultz seconded, and at 7:55 pm. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Traub