

## Whitehouse Tree Commission

Minutes of Meeting – May 24, 2018

Commissioners Present: Chairperson, Sheri Luedtke, Amy Schultz, Elliot Tramer, Chris Manzey, Janet Traub, Michelle Tippie, and Mark Thomas, Village Staff Advisor. Guest, Vince Wahl, resident.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Sheri Luedtke, at 7:18 pm. The minutes of the April 26, 2018 meeting were approved after a motion made by Elliot Tramer and seconded by Janet Traub. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

**Flower Market:** Members have participated in 3 weekly markets during which they were able to pass out spruce tree sapplings, information on trees and answer questions from the public. Visitors have been interested in the tree pests, ALB and EAB. Information was also given out regarding them. We will have more information for the Farmers Markets which will begin in July and run through October. We will need help in manning a table during those months.

**Growth Award:** Elliot has looked at projects we have completed this year, Tree Academy hosting should be eligible for 6 points. If Silva Cells are used in the downtown area, the remaining points should be there.

**Arbor Day:** A few comments by Sheri Luedtke regarding the day were that weather was good, the children were excited and that the planting of the three trees near Stiles Road went well. The Mayor did a very nice job with the proclamation and a big thank you the Boy Scouts who dug the holes and to Mark Thomas for all of his hard work in making this happen. New this year were stories written by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children who helped plant the trees. Sheri Luedtke, read some of the letters. They will then be put into a binder and kept in the lobby of Village Hall for anyone to read. Trees planted were a Red Horse Chestnut, an American Basswood and an American Beech.

**Forms & Documents:** Nothing to add.

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**Tree Inventory:** Tree watering bags have been put on the newly planted Arbor Day Trees and they are doing well.

**EAB & ALB Awareness:** This is the time of year for EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) and ALB (Asian Long horned Beetle) awareness program. Information was made available at the 3 flower marts in early May and will be made available at the Farmers Markets in July – October.

**Other Commission Member Comments:** It was mentioned that the State of Ohio has banned the sale of Bradford Pear Trees. Our visitor was asking about a replacement tree for his front yard as the tree, which was believed to be a Pear, had died. Several suggestions were made.

Chris Mansey attended a seminar on Conservation in the Oak Openings area. It was very informative and a suggestion was made that a fall seminar could be offered to our residents regarding this topic. Chris and Sheri will follow up on a speaker and possible date.

Chris also mentioned that Lucas County Soil and Water Conservation has a poster titled, “Trees for Bees”. She will try to get one to be used at our table for the Flower and Farmers Markets.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:52 pm by Janet Traub, Elliot Tramer seconded and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Schultz