

# **Whitehouse Tree Commission**

Minutes of Meeting, September 27, 2018

Members present: Sheri Luedtke (chair), Christine Manzey, Amy Schultz, Michelle Tippie, Diane Toffler, Elliot Tramer, Janet Traub, Mark Thomas (village representative). Guest: Diana Martin

Sheri called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The minutes of the August 23, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted (moved Janet, 2d Elliot)

## **Old Business**

The Tree City USA and Growth Award applications are in preparation. Members are asked to forward photos of the Tree Commission Academy sessions to Elliot for the Growth Award application.

Tree Inventory: Nothing new to report. Mark commented that he will check on a tree next to the “Cherry Tree” bakery that is bending over and may be a hazard.

Forms and Documents: In preparation for the invasive plant removal project at the quarry, Janet provided two copies of the 66-page Safety Training Guidelines for pesticide applicators, which we had also received as an email attachment. A Standard Operating Procedures sheet was also distributed. The exercise will take place on Saturday October 6. We will be aided again by University of Toledo Environmental Science students. The Metroparks’ Tim Gallaher will give us first-hand training at 9:00 that morning. The UT students will arrive at 10:00 and will not do any actual pesticide applications. Sheri will again provide a pizza lunch for the students. Diane can provide some paper and styrafoam products left over from Tree Commission Academy; any unused material can be donated to Hope United Methodist Church, that hosted our TCA lunches. The fall urban forestry seminar will be at the Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion on October 26. We will meet at the Village Hall at 8:15 and drive downtown together.

Mark mentioned that our Tree City USA flags could be hung on hooks from existing flagpoles around the village.

## **New Business**

Chris suggested a future growth award activity could be to get involved in the “Adopt an Acre” program, created by the Green Ribbon Initiative and Metroparks to manage parcels of natural land within the oak openings region. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Guest Diana Martin provided before-and-after pictures of a ditch clearing project on her property on Rupp Road. The removal of many trees and subsequent growth of dense herbaceous cover on the banks has negatively affected the appearance of the area. She asked for suggestions of replacement trees and other ideas that could improve the appearance of her property.

A new housing development in Whitehouse Meadows off Heller Road was examined for selection of street trees. We note the following changes in street names: High Meadow Drive is Big Buck Trail. Back Meadow Lane is Whitetail Way. After considerable discussion, we recommended the following: Plots 1-11, Chinese Elm *Ulmus parvifolia*; Plots 19-29, Black Tupelo Gum *Nyssa sylvatica*; Plots 39-35, Red Maple cultivar *Acer rubrum* "October Glory".

Adjournment at 8:52 p.m. (Moved Amy, 2d Michelle)

Respectfully submitted,

Elliot Tramer