

## **Whitehouse Tree Commission**

March 28, 2019

**Attendees:** Sheri Luedtke, Chair; Amy Schultz, Vice Chair; Richard Bingham, Council Rep; Mark Thomas, Village Rep; Christine Manzey; Michelle Tippie; Dianne Toffler; Elliot Tramer

The meeting was called to order at 18:01.

A motion to accept the February 2019 meeting minutes as submitted was made by Amy Schultz and seconded by Christine Manzey. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

Arbor Day plans were finalized with Sheri Luedtke reporting she had contacted Whitehouse Primary School teacher Dawn Hillary. Ms. Hillary suggested the tree planting take place on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Art teacher, Mrs. Love, agreed to direct students to decorate Kroger paper grocery bags with information about invasives and not moving firewood. These bags will then be picked up mid-May and returned to Kroger. Michelle Tippie mentioned including a new invasive called the Asian Jumping Worm to the invasives list and indicated she would send information to Tree Commission members. It was agreed that available Tree Commission members would meet at noon on May 6<sup>th</sup> to wrap and bag the saplings of Concolor Fir that each student will receive. Extra saplings will be stored at either Dianne Toffler or Sheri Luedtke's homes for distribution to the public during Village Flower Markets on Saturday mornings. The Tree Commission directed Mark Thomas to order a Black Gum, Tulip Tree, and Little Leaf Linden for the Arbor Day tree planting.

There were no updates on the Tree Commission Ordinance.

Sheri Luedtke congratulated Dianne Toffler on her graduation from the Tree Commission Academy and excellent senior presentation. The Whitehouse Tree Commission received an award (wooden plaque) in thanks for hosting the Tree Commission Academy.

Mark Thomas had no new Tree Inventory updates and mentioned that the Village crew was busy working on clean-up around the Quarry pond.

No new forms or documents.

### **New Business:**

Three Tree Commission members will be attending the Tree City USA meeting in Crestline, OH on April 17th: Sheri Luedtke, Amy Schultz, and Mark Thomas.

Mark Thomas provided pictures of the tree on the tree lawn of Ron Shellhammer's home at 11140 West Street. Elliot Tramer moved that the tree be removed by the Village and was seconded by Sheri Luedtke. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn at 18:30 was made by Dianne Toffler and seconded by Michelle Tippie. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Manzey