

Whitehouse Tree Commission
Minutes of meeting on October 24th, 2019

Attendance: Commissioners: Sheri Luedtke (Chair), Chris Manzey, Amy Schultz, Elliot Tramer, Michelle Tippie, Dianne Toffler. Richard Bingham (Council Representative) and Mark Thomas (Staff Advisor)

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M.

Minutes from September 26th were approved as printed.

Old Business

- A. Finalized Tree City USA and Growth Award for 2019. Elliot Listed projects 1-5 where points were earned. Elliot said we are in good standing with enough points for growth award. It was suggested that we remove one project (project for cemetery board) and submit it for 2020. This project is not complete at this time but we are continuing to work on it.
- B. The invasive plant project around the quarry will not happen this year. There were difficulties in scheduling with UT students so we were not able to coordinate all involved.
- C. Eagle Scout project is progressing. Noah Werning updated us through text. He has the list of trees to be used and their spellings. He is working with April at town hall to coordinate with the village web site.
- D. Tree Inventory- 6532 Lenderson, a tree was removed by the Village of Whitehouse. A Tupelo tree was planted in sub division Whitehouse Meadows (Big Buck Trail). Four more trees are being considered for plats 1 & 2. Smaller trees are being considered for the cul de sac which has a 10 foot island. Amy and Mark clarified plantings for plats 2 & 3
- E. The cemetery board will meet on Monday, October 28th at 6:00 P.M at Waterville Town Hall. Sheri and Amy will attend and give a report from the work at the cemetery on Cemetery Road.
- F. Village of Whitehouse has a budget of \$25,000 for purchase and care of trees. This is a great start to a master plan.
- G. Volcano mulching with stone was discussed. Resident will be notified and informational pamphlet will be made available to the resident. Sheri will drop off the information to the resident.

Forms and Doc. Tree bulletins from Arbor Day Foundation will be added to our document cabinet.

New Business- A letter was written by the tree commission members to explain concerns regarding the large evergreen trees on either side of the statue at the park entrance. Amy and

Sheri went to the Meeting of the Whole on October 22. The information was well received by those present. Various possibilities were discussed. The trees are very healthy now but when they show signs of decline they may be removed. It is also possible to limb the trees up some to open the park entry. For now the trees will be left as is. It was also discussed that the plan to plant 40 trees in the park might put undue stress on the public works department. Young trees take a lot of work in the area of watering and training. It might be better to plant 5 trees a year. This is a way to better care for the young trees, to assure success. One council member suggested that the tree commission be involved in the planning of the park trees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Toffler