

Whitehouse Tree Commission Minutes

June 25,2020

Attendance: Guests: John Werning, Noah Werning, Sheri Luedtke, chair, Amy Schultz, Vice chair, Toffler, Michelle Tippie, Elliot Tramer, Christine Manzey, Richard Bingham, Council Rep.

The meeting was called to order at 19:03

There was a motion to accept the February 27th minutes was made by Amy Schultz and seconded by Chris Manzey.

Old Business:

Noah Werning discussed his Eagle Scout project involving signage for the 41 trees planted along the bike trail and in Veterans Memorial Park. His project involved :

1. coordinating tree information for 28 species of trees
2. pros and cons were discussed about placement of signs
3. each sign will have a QR code that will be attached to a stake
4. the tree information is also on the tree commission web site that may be accessed via whitehouseoh.gov
5. Aluminum stakes holding sign will be installed by scouts with the help of tree commission members
6. The installation of this project will be July 11 from 9:00-12:00. The following Saturday, July 18 will be a rain date. Gloves will be needed for this project
7. These stakes and signage are used by the botanical gardens.
8. Noah raised \$225.00 toward this project by selling popcorn.
9. Sheri volunteered to invite Karen Gerhardinger, reported from the Mirror. Michelle said she would contact WTOL

Noah mentioned he might need a signed letter indicating he completed the project. Jordan Daugherty , Village Administrator, can sign the letter. At Noah's request he would like 2 members of the tree commission to also write letters including phone number and email.

Tree Inventory:

Mark was not present but left a report of tree work completed.
Memorial tree was planted in front of the small quarry
Two pine trees were removed (Benken Blvd) blocking stop sign
Removed tree at 10127 Saddlebridge Dr N (storm damage)
Removed tree at 10250 Blue Ridge Dr. N (storm damage)
Trimmed Texas Street by the Preserve
Trimmed Maumee Street
Trimmed trees on bike path

Trimmed trees on walking path by sledding hill
Trimmed trees around small quarry

City would like to consider raising price of memorial trees from 300. to \$450. There was a discussion regarding this. Several tree commission members felt that this would discourage the purchase of memorial trees. After a discussion, Amy made a motion to keep the price of a Memorial Tree at \$300.00 Dianne seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Elliot said he would contact Stephanie about the 2 trees removed because of storm damage. Stephanie emailed the tree commission members about trees that might have been damaged from the recent wind storm.

It was suggested that a thumb drive should be in our storage cabinet with the information on the Eagle Scout Project.

New Business

There are several new areas in town that need to be added to our Master Plan. It was decided to complete this in the fall.

Also discussed was the Work the tree commission members did on the cemeteries. The large cemetery on Cemetery Road has been reported on to the Cemetery Board. The other 3 have been evaluated but not reported on.

Sheri reported that the Tree Fund is sponsoring Webinars monthly. They are free and the information on them is excellent. We need to keep track of our hours to report for Tree City Award.

With the cancellation of Arbor Day, it is being considered to pass our tree saplings near the Generals Ice cream in August or September or at Labor Day dedication of the Eagle Scout Project,

Fall newsletter: Michelle has offered to write an article for the Fall Newsletter.

The Meeting was adjourned at 20:20

Dianne Toffler