

Tree Commission
March 25, 2021

Call to order at 7:00 pm

A correction was made to the minutes. Elliot Tramer first and Michelle Tippie seconded

OLD BUSINESS

Tree Inventory

Mark gave an update of a total of 75 trees were trimmed in Whitehouse. 6517 Finzel 2 trees were removed. Five tree stumps were removed on Waterville Street and Finzel.

Forms and Docs

Michelle Tippie is doing a Word of the Day for the Whitehouse Tree Commission FaceBook page. Buckeye Yard and Garden publications is to be used. It was noted to spread the word.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be "in person" Arbor Day. Third graders on April 30 and Fourth graders on May 1, 2021.

There will be four trees planted on the West side of the ballpark. Chris Manzey suggested oak trees. Chinkapin Oak and Red Oak were approved. Basswood and native sugar Maple were the other two trees approved. Each class will plant two trees with the same ceremony and help from the commissioners.

The proclamation from the Whitehouse Mayor Atkinson will be announced April 20, 2021. Arbor Day is April 30, 2021.

Fire Chief Josh Hartbarger mentioned the noted plan for Arbor Day will have to be accepted by the Health Department. School guidelines will be followed.

Jill updated information from Tyler Woody who works with the The Toledo Edison Forestry Division concerning their contribution to Arbor Day. 195 gift bags are on order. Pencils, stickers and tree planting guides will be included. There is \$1000.00 left over in the Toledo Edison budget to spend for Arbor Day. After discussion it was decided to use the money to be put towards the purchase of the 4 trees to be planted. Motion by Michelle Tippie and Amy Schultz seconded.

A bench in need of repair in the municipal garden behind Village Hall was discussed. That area is now part of the Metroparks and it will be tended by them.

A reminder to the commissioners of prepping the saplings for Arbor Day. Wet paper towels are put in with the White Fir saplings bags.

Sheri Luedtke's granddaughter will film the Arbor Day ceremonies for the tree commissioners FaceBook page.

Jill Gundy announced a new employee for the city. Mark Schriefer will be the office assistant. Sheri will be updating plans for the presentation by Nancy Meyerholz. The presentation will be about Rachel Calsons's book Silent Green published in 1962.

Birch Point development is removing a diseased blue spruce on the big island. The tree and stump will be removed. The master plan calls for a river birch. All were in favor.

Elliot questioned the sewer project. Will it affect the trees planted? Mark mentioned mostly scrub trees are being removed.

Elliot is writing about Earth Day 2021. The first Earth Day was in 1970. Facebook is being considered as a way of sharing Elliot's updated version and reflections of Earth Day for 2021.

Chris and Elliot will continue working on tree signs in the summer.

The meeting was adjourned. Amy first and Michelle seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Toffler