

Whitehouse Tree Commission Meeting
April 22, 2021

The following were in attendance: Amy Schultz, Michelle Tippie, Sheri Luedtke, Diane DeYonker, Dianne Toffler, Elliot Tramer, Christine Manzey, Mark Thomas, and Tyler Woody

- I. Called to Order** at 7:00
- II. Minutes** from March 25, 2021 were corrected. Chris Manzey moved to accept the corrected minutes. Michelle Tippie seconded. All approved.
- III. Arbor Day** celebration details were presented by Sheri Luedtke. On Friday, April 30th, the 3rd grade class from Whitehouse Elementary School will gather with masks and socially distanced for a Proclamation to be read by the Mayor. Then half the students will learn how to plant trees and actually participate by scooping shovels of dirt around two trees. The other half of the students will take a nature walk. Then the two groups will exchange activities. On May 7th, the 4th graders will participate in the same activities as the 3rd graders. Sheri Luedtke is taking 5 short videos about trees and tree planting to the elementary school this week, as well as paper activities from the Arbor Day Foundation. In this way, teachers can use these materials in the month of May.

The Tree Commissioners will meet at noon on April 30th to prepare 200 tree saplings to be provided to students in gift bags donated by First Energy.

Sheri Luedtke will contact Karen Gerhardinger from The Mirror about this event as soon as the Fire Chief has given his approval. The Mayor and Council members will be invited to attend.

FaceBook Ideas were discussed. Elliot Tramer's essay on Earth Day is already posted and has been well-received. Sheri Luedtke is finalizing plans for Nancy Myerholtz to portray Rachel Carson, the author of *Silent Spring*, on May 18th.

Tree Inventory updates were given by Mark Thomas. The recent snow storm resulted in the removal of 5 trees and branch clean-up of 13 trees, all of which were Bradford Pears. See attached sheet.

Sheri Luedtke reported that Spruce trees were removed in Birch Pointe and Birch trees were trimmed on Briarwood and Wildwood roads.

Amy Schultz reported that she has transferred tree Inventory data onto a spreadsheet which is now in a format that is easy to update.

Forms and Documents. Mark Thomas opened a box to show us our Tree City and Growth Awards.

IV. New Business

Tyler Woody from First Energy asked for invoices from the purchase of the 4 trees that will be planted on Arbor Day. First Energy will reimburse the Village.

Sheri Luedtke thanked Tyler and First Energy for the 200 student gift bags and goodies inside, as well as the trees.

Tyler has spoken with Steph Miller, the Urban Forester assigned to NW Ohio, about First Energy sponsoring an upcoming Tree City awards meeting. Whitehouse and Waterville co-sponsored this event several years ago where over 250 people attended from all over the state.

Sheri Luedtke brought up the emergence of Brood X cicadas and whether people should hold off planting trees until after the event. Elliot Tramer and Diane DeYonker emphasized that these 17-year cicadas are not located anywhere near Whitehouse. The closest emergence sites are more near Defiance.

Diane DeYonker, as a new member to the Tree Commission, was encouraged to explore attending the virtual Tree Academy.

Motion for Adjournment by Amy Schultz at 7:30, Elliot Tramer seconded; all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Manzey

STORM DAMAGE WORK 4/20/2021

- 10947 SOUTHANNE (REMOVED)
- 10452 SOUTHANNE (REMOVED)
- 10950 HELEN (REMOVED)
- 10141 SADDLEBRIDGE SOUTH (REMOVED)
- 7273 JUNE BERRY (REMOVED)
- 7279 LARUEL RIDGE
- 7329 LARUEL RIDGE
- 7554 JUNE BERRY
- 11020 CHAPELSTONE
- 11022 SOUTHANNE
- 7259 LARUEL RIDGE X2
- 10920 HELEN
- 10940 HELEN
- 7262 JUNE BERRY
- 7257 CRABAPPLE COVE
- 7329 CRABAPPLE COVE
- 7339 CRABAPPLE COVE
- 7334 JUNE BERRY