

Minutes  
Whitehouse Tree Commission  
October 27, 2022

Present: Sheri Luedtke (Chairperson), Christine Manzey, Amy Schultz, Michelle Tippie, Dianne Toffler, Elliot Tramer; Council Rep Richard Bingham; Staff Rep Mark Thomas, James Szczerbiak.

Meeting called to order by Sheri Luedtke at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of the September 22, 2022 meeting were approved. Moved Amy Schultz, Seconded by Michelle Tippie

Old Business:

Elliot Tramer updated on Tree City USA and Growth Award applications.

Information was clarified for Arbor Day. 115 packets were given to third graders. Acorns and potting soil with instructions for planting. Also, First Energy donated 200 saplings. This year 2022 is completed for the 16 points.

Constellation Energy grant has been submitted. We have not received any updates. If the grant is received, trees will be planted in Sandra Park.

Lantern Fly has been spotted in downtown Toledo. Sheri gave information concerning the invasion to MacQueens, Johnston Fruit Farm, Stevens Gardens and a winery.

Witte Walk housing area was reviewed from July minutes.

Tree Inventory: Mark updated information. Tree trimming on Texas near the Preserve. Fall plantings ordered (replacements and new trees). Silva Cells were used for new sidewalks in downtown Whitehouse. Correct mulch will be replaced.

New Business:

James Szczerbiak, 9871 Julianna Lane, Wesley Farms, Whitehouse Ohio attended the meeting with concerns for the Chestnut Trees planted four years ago by the Village. The trees are not thriving. Steve Pilcher (Director of Public Service) and Bill May did look at the trees. Mr. Szczerbiak did submit a sample of the leaves. It was determined that it has a fungus called Guignardia Aesculi. It is caused by excess spring rain and brown spots appear on the leaves. Little prevention is known except spraying. More information is needed, and a solution will be decided. Amy Schultz mentioned Wesley Farms area needs consideration for more trees.

Meeting was adjourned. Moved Elliot Tramer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amy Schultz.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dianne Toffler