

Whitehouse Tree Commission
March 23, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

Attendees: Brian Petrell Staff Rep., Sheri Luedtke, Pres., Amy Schultz, Vice Pres., Elliot Tramer, Chris Manzey, Diane DeYonker, Dianne Toffler and Michelle Tippie

Approve minutes of February 23, 2023 meeting.

A correction was made to the minutes from February. A motion was made to approve by Amy Schultz, seconded by Diane DeYonker.

Old Business:

Arbor Day date will be declared by proclamation from someone appointed by the Mayor's office. In cooperation with the teachers the date was decided to be Monday, May 8, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Three trees will be planted near the Whitehouse Log Cabin. Shagbark, Shingle Oak, and Black Locust will be planted. The Black Locust will be planted on Lenderson. Brian Petrell will decide the following trees Shagbark and Shingle Oak where they will be planted on Cable and Sherman or Texas. Brian will also make sure the holes are dug and positioned for decided trees.

Sheri Luedtke will contact Tyler Woody from First Energy and request 150 seedlings for students to celebrate Arbor Day. A presentation concerning planting, choosing and location of trees will be made by First Energy.

Karen from the Mirror will be contacted with information concerning Arbor Day date and location. Mark from the city will be contacted to put information on the electrical board.

It was noted Review Tree Commission Ordinance is posted on FaceBook.

Brian Petrell reported for tree inventory that the city clear cut the wild shrubs on the South Wabash Cannonball Trail from 295 to Cemetery. A River Birch and unidentified Oak were left because they were healthy and large.

Sandra Park design plants were considered. A fall planting is scheduled. The East side and South side of the area will be in the planting. The existing trees in Sandra Park will be worked into the plan. Google maps will be used to get maps for Sandra Park area. Steve from the City will be contacted. Two larger maps will be requested.

The three Horse Chestnuts from Wesley Farm will be removed and planted at Sandra Park as per planting design. New Catalpa trees will be planted in place at Julianna Lane, Wesley Farms with a continuation according to the Master Plan.

A special Tree Commission meeting will be held concerning Sandra Park planting Tuesday, April 4. Sheri will confirm the Classroom is available.

It was question if homeowner James Sczerbiak was notified that City will remove the three Horse Chestnuts and replaced according to the Master Plan?

The tree ordinance was posted on FaceBook and reasons to not top a tree. More ideas were discussed. Inventory of books concerning trees was suggested. Book review of listed books would be considered.

New Business:

The Spring Seminar will be held Wednesday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitehouse Library. Stephanie Miller from DNF will present the program. Choosing the correct tree and location for planting will be part of the program. Also mulching correctly. The seminar information will be posted on the electronic sign and the Village email. Karen from the Mirror will be notified.

Sheri mentioned a phone call she received from Jean Dingle, a resident of Whitehouse. She had purchased a memorial tree for her son and the memorial stone was missing. It was duly noted a replacement was ordered and will be replaced.

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, Wauseon, Ohio at 10:15 for Tree City USA Awards banquet. A head count was taken for reservations. The rewards banquet is for Growth Award and Tree City recognition.

Meeting was adjourned. Elliot Tramer first and Michelle Tippie second.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Toffler