

Whitehouse Tree Commission
Minutes – meeting October 26, 2023

Members present: Sheri Luedtke (chair), Amy Schultz, Dianne Toffler, Elliot Tramer, Staff Rep Brian Petrell, Council Rep, Richard Bingham

Meeting was called to order 7:34 p.m.

Minutes of the September 21, 2023 meeting were approved. Amy Schultz 1st, Dianne Toffler 2nd

Old Business:

- A. Discussion and input was held concerning Sandra Park trees. The grant money budget was discussed. Trees are planted correctly and bags supplied for water. All agreed job well done.
- B. Finalize Tree City Growth Award. Elliot Tramer has everything written up for review and he will finalize with Jill Gundy by the first week in December.
- C. Amy Schultz and Sheri Luedtke attended the 2023 Western Ohio Urban Forestry Conference in St. Mary's, Ohio. Special focus on planting trees according to ANDI Standards and Ohio DNR requirements. Pete Berg, owner of Woody Warehouse Nursery, made the presentation. Joe Puperi, owner of Advanced Tree Health, presented tree planting specifications. Amy Stone discussed Spotted Lanternfly. The invasive bug is being monitored.
- D. Tree Inventory – Stone ordered for Tim Toffler's memorial tree. The Crimson Maple was received but had to be planted in another location. Brian Petrell is handling order and placement.
- E. Forms and Docs- Brochure on Spotted Lanternfly put in cabinet.
- F. Facebook ideas – Sheri will copy pg 10 of brochure concerning Spotted Lanternfly info.

New Business:

- A. Discussion about balance of grant money minus tree cost, labor and water bags. Brian Petrell likes the trees from Wood Warehouse in Indiana. Easier to plant and healthy.

Adjourn Amy Schultz 1st, Elliot Tramer 2nd

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Toffler