

Whitehouse

April 18, 2024

Meeting Notice
Tree Commission
April 25, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Tree Commission of the Village of Whitehouse, Ohio will meet on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Classroom, Village Hall, 6925 Providence Street, Whitehouse, Ohio.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approve Minutes of the March 28, 2024 Meeting
- III. Old Business
 - A. Finalize Arbor Day Planning
 - B. Tree Inventory
 - C. Forms & Docs
 - D. FaceBook Ideas
- IV. New Business
- V. Discuss Other Issues as Appropriate under the Village Charter
- VI. Adjourn

Submitted by:
Jordan D. Daugherty, CPA
Village Administrator

Whitehouse Tree Commission
March 28, 2024

Attendees: James Forrest, Staff Representative; Sheri Luedtke, President; Amy Schultz, Vice President; Elliot Tramer; Diane DeYonker; Chris Manzey; Laurie Mauro; Richard Bingham, Mayor; Steve Connolly, Council Representative; Louann Artiaga, Village Council; Chuck Kethel; Stephanie Miller, ODNR Urban Forester; and Jill Gundy, Village staff.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

Approval of Minutes: The motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2024 was moved by Amy Schultz; second by Diane DeYonker; and unanimous agreement.

Old Business:

- Arbor Day, to be celebrated with 3rd graders from the Elementary School on Friday, April 26th (rain date on Monday April 29). Three Bur Oak trees will be planted behind the pickleball courts and a Council Representative will read a Proclamation. Stephanie Miller, Northwest Ohio Urban Forester, announced that Whitehouse has been chosen to receive a Sycamore or Hackberry tree by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in recognition of ODNR's 75 anniversary. Don Schmenk, Maumee State Forest Manager, will be present to make the presentation. Governor DeWine may also be in attendance.
- Tree Inventory → no changes.
- Forms and documents. Nothing new.
- FaceBook. Sheri Luedtke asked members to submit ideas for the Tree Commission's FaceBook page. Because April is Ohio's Native Plant Month, Sheri passed out sheets describing a variety of activities involving wildflower walks sponsored by the Wood County parks district, the Toledo Metroparks, and other northwestern Ohio associations. Sheri will be including some of these on the FB site.
- Disc Golf discussion was added to the agenda. Stephanie Miller explained that the grant submitted in 2022 by the Whitehouse Tree Commission was graded on the intended use of 50 trees to provide a natural area for wildlife. The Village of Whitehouse also agreed to the care of these trees. By changing the intended use of the trees as part of a disc golf course, Stephanie expressed her concern about the health of the young trees because in her experience disc golf is typically very damaging to trees that do not have a thick bark. She urged the Village to protect the trees. Mayor Richard Bingham, on behalf of the Village of Whitehouse, expressed willingness to cooperate. Chuck Kethel, designer of the disc golf course, has made models of proposed fencing to protect the trees. He invited Stephanie to evaluate the design to see if it meets her standards. Stephanie agreed to provide further input for protecting the trees and to look at the flight paths of the course.

New Business:

- Tree City USA meeting will be held in Defiance, April 17th. Four of our Tree Commissioners will attend. Carpooling will be arranged.
- Louann Artiaga presented a request by the Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District to add trees to the back of the cemetery on Cemetery Road. Sheri Luedtke showed photos and a map of the area in question. The Tree Commission will discuss appropriate trees based on soil type and other pertinent factors at the April meeting and respond to Louann with a list of recommended trees.
- Stephanie Miller announced that 2-3 new Urban Foresters positions have been added. In addition, Stephanie will be taking on more administrative work as she helps with revising the curriculum of the Tree Commission Academy. Stephanie will no longer be the Urban Forester for Lucas County.

Adjournment: the meeting was moved to be adjourned by Elliot Tramer, second by Amy Schultz, and unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Manzey