

Tree Commission

January 25, 2024

Attendees: Sheri Luedtke, Elliot Tramer, Christine Manzey, Diane DeYonker, Steve Connelly
Council Rep, Brian Petrell Village Rep, Michelle Tippie

Meeting was called to order at 19:34.

November 2023 minutes were unavailable so they will be approved at the February 2024 meeting.

Election of 2024 Commission Officers:

Sheri Luedtke was nominated to continue as Chair of the Commission.

Amy Schultz was nominated to continue as Vice Chair.

Elliot Tramer moved to approve the nominations, Christine Manzey seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Tree Inventory: Stephanie from ODNR has reviewed the amended tree planting design for Sandra Park and, while she is disappointed that a Disc Golf Course is being incorporated into the park, she has provided us with new requirements to protect the new trees. We will be required to install a 6 foot fence to protect the new trees from the discs and players. Because of the fence barrier we need to extend the mulch beds around the trees to prevent weed invasion since access will be limited by the fence. She suggested enlisting the Disc Golf group to assist with the additional mulching which would not have been necessary previously.

It is suggested that the Village use Woody Warehouse for future tree purchases.

All 2023 Street Trees have been planted in the following locations: Red Stag Whitehouse Meadows, Village Meadows, Steeplechase, and Saddle Bridge.

Trees have been trimmed along the Wabash Trail.

Removed 2 damaged Pear trees in Whitehouse Valley.

A resident on Heller has declined the planting of a Sweet Gum tree on their tree lawn.

Dianne Toffler's memorial tree was planted on the south side of the bike trail near Bucher Rd. and the stone has been placed.

Forms & Docs: None

Facebook Ideas: None

Congratulations goes out to our latest Tree Commission Academy graduates Diane DeYonker and Brian Petrell. Job well done!

Tree Commission cont:

New Business: Michelle Tippie will reach out to Craig Bauer of Ohio Compost to see if they would be willing to present the Spring Seminar this year.

Brian suggested we ask Stephanie from ODNR to do a Young Tree Training Seminar late this fall using the Sandra Park plantings as examples.

Other Issues: The Tree City and Growth Award packets were returned to the Village for correction by Stephanie at ODNR. Jill Gundy reviewed and update the applications. They have been resubmitted.

A motion to adjourn was made by Christine Manzey and seconded by Diane DeYonker at 20:17.

Respectfully submitted by

Michelle K. Tippie