

Whitehouse

May 16, 2024

Meeting Notice
Tree Commission
May 23, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Tree Commission of the Village of Whitehouse, Ohio will meet on Thursday, May 23, 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 April 25, 2024 Meeting
- III. Old Business
 - A. Growth Award Progress
 - B. Review Tree City 2023 Award Ceremony
 - C. Tree Inventory
 - D. Forms & Docs
 - E. FaceBook Ideas
- IV. New Business
 - A. Discuss EAB, ALB and Potted Lantern Fly Awareness
- V. Discuss Other Issues as Appropriate under the Village Charter
- VI. Adjourn

Submitted by:
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Village Administrator

Tree Commission
April 25, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM

James, Diane, Amy, Michelle, Sheri, Steve

1: No changes to minutes; motion to approve by Michelle, second by Diane

2: Old Business:

Arbor Day - April 26th at 1:30

- Meet at 1:15 to station at various points
- Proceed down main street to bike path and then pickle ball courts
- James digging holes Friday morning
 - Burr Oaks being planted
 - Stone plaque engraved for each tree or one
 - Decided on one engraved with Arbor Day 2024, as cost savings
 - Sycamore tree planted as well for ODNR
 - ODNR will provide a plaque for the sycamore

Tree Inventory: James

Tree with storm damage which had to be removed in village meadows

Starting to remove pear trees from village meadows (~30 to 40 total)

Potential 'growth award' item to replace them - according to master plan for replanting

Sherie: Suggests replacing 20 this year over the summer

James: Residents will be notified (they're notified on planting (variety) and removal)

James: Fall planting (end of November / early December)

Michelle: Could be a grant to remove invasive species, she will research - electric co-op grant potentially (Constellation)

James: Should purchase the trees this fall from Woody Warehouse; very good stock from them (Sheri commented - Woody W. was at tree city celebration)

Tree City celebration: Sheri commented that it was very well done; Waterville had 11 attendees due to growth award

Forms and Docs

No items in forms and documents

Facebook Ideas

Facebook ideas: Lori may take that over ongoing

Social Media: No additional suggestions

Michelle: made contact with Craig Bauer, and he suggested July 13th to do a presentation at Ohio compost with 4 different stations, as well as coffee and donuts: Grinding raw material, turning a row, run one through a sifter, finished product

They will also advertise it on Facebook, website, etc. (they're also doing this for Penta)

Sheri suggested starting at 1:00 - to potentially get out early from the first day of the farmers market

Sheri will contact Mark at town hall to post to the signs and on the website and the mirror, potentially the blade, and the neighbors magazine

Revisited Arbor Day activities:

- James will be present: Lauren Godfrey - forest health specialist on behalf of division of forestry:
- Sheri will deliver the trees in the morning so the kids can take them back to the classrooms
- Weather is supposed to be nice; rain date likely not needed
- Mirror (Karen G.) will be there with the proclamation and a talk about trees
 - Forestry Person can talk about the right way to plant a tree: One sycamore, three burr oaks

3: New Business:

James:

- Getting involved in America in Bloom - similar to Tree City USA
 - Based in Columbus, National Organization -annual recognition (this year in Wayne Ohio)
 - Needs assistance with length self-assessment (environmental incentives, sharing heritage, etc.)
 - James will have Jill make copies and all members will contribute their feedback
 - Christine is a master gardener, she can assist with those items
 - Once filled out, submitted back to America in Bloom
 - Would like to have it filled out by end of July for submission
- Level 2 (after initial application)
 - They do an overview and then review with James - item by item; 90 minutes - provide items to improve
- Level 3:
 - They send out representatives to judge the landscaping, etc. for two days to do an examination based on the criteria
 - Then they send recommendations on how to grow the village

Sheri:

Pick trees for cemetery: Louann was going to request 2 to 3 varieties

Area will be developed for graves

Considerable sunlight / Soil and sand mix

Sheri Suggested:

- 2 Honey locust: Sunburst
- 2 Blaze Red Maple
- 1 Sweet gum: seed pods can be an issue (James)
- 1 River Birch: along the stream area in the back
- 1 Swamp Oak / Burr Oak / Pin Oak

No other new business:

Michelle - moved to adjourn 8:06PM

Amy second

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Connelly