

Whitehouse Tree Commission
Minutes – meeting of July 25, 2024

Present: Sheri Luedtke (Chair), Diane DeYonker, Christine Manzey, Amy Schultz, Elliot Tramer, Steve Connell (Council Rep), James Forrest (Staff Rep)

Sheri Luedtke called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of May 23, 2024 were approved unanimously

Old Business:

- A. Tree inventory - The Commission needs to carve out a section of the Village to update a portion of the inventory this year.
- B. Growth Award – The demonstration visit to Ohio Compost on July 13 should qualify for points. A thank-you was sent to Craig Bauer.
- C. Master Plan – The Plan needs to be updated for the Village Meadows area, since 26 storm-damaged Callery Pears were removed there. Replacement trees will be ordered for installment in the fall.

- D. Farmers' Market – Several citizens came to our table with questions. We provided handouts on Asian Longhorn Beetle and tree care. Chris Manzey has designed handouts on the Spotted Lantern Fly to be made available at Farmers' Market in the future. Her hot sheet on the Lantern Fly will be sent to grape growers in our area (Stevens Market, Majestic Winery, Johnson's, and MacQueens).

Chris called the Commission's attention to a new Ohio Forest Pests Field Guide, published by Ohio State University. Copies have been available for free from Lucas County Extension Agent Amy Stone. Sheri will try to obtain copies for everyone on the Commission.

We are short of insect tattoos, which are an effective way of getting kids (and their parents) to be aware of tree pests.

- E. Tree Inventory see under A and C. James Forrest indicated that storm damage over the last two months required 150 man-hours for clean-up.
- F. Forms and Documents – nothing to add
- G. Facebook Ideas – Amy Schultz will pinch hit for Sheri for now. Chris will send Amy information on the Spotted Lantern Fly.

New Business:

- Steve Connelly proposed we invite applications from Anthony Wayne high school students to serve as Tree Commission interns. Perrysburg already has an intern program and their application form could serve as a template. Young tree training was suggested as an intern activity. Diane DeYonker moved approval; 2d by Chris Manzey. Approved unanimously.
- Diane was in contact with Emily Uhlman of Metroparks Toledo about removal of *Ailanthus* trees from around the quarry. They plan to apply herbicide in late summer/early fall and begin removals in spring, with Tree Commission as partners.

- Steve Connolly mentioned the availability of leftover Covid funds, and solicited ideas about how we might use some of it. Chris brought up the idea of a Story Walk for children that would educate about trees in an entertaining way. One excellent place would be along the walk around the small quarry on Waterville Street. She will investigate costs.

Adjournment moved (Chris Manzey, 2d Amy Schultz). Approved 8:10 p,m,

Respectfully submitted,

Elliot Tramer