

Sandusky City Tree Commission

February 24, 2016

members: J. Arthur, C. Ball(abs), B. Hohman, J. Parker(abs), J. Viviano

staff representatives: B. Link(abs), T. Speir, K. Kromer(abs)

commission liaison: G. Lockhart

Old/pending business: Reviewed content for city commission presentation for March 28, 2016. Bre requested more specific numbers, re; quantity of trees felled and trimmed and also the real costs of those activities. Greg made a couple of suggestions as to what the commission needs to know, especially as the costs pertain to Issue 8 monies, what needs to be included, and what needs emphasizing in the presentation. The latest numbers regarding tree removals show that 161 trees have been removed or trimmed. That number includes 77 thus far in 2016 that have been cut down or trimmed.

Current/future business: Twenty-six trees are to be planted at the Marina District. That number includes 6 White Spruce which were planted last Fall. The remainder of the trees need to be ordered soon, according to Tom. Planting is to take place this Spring. All twenty-six trees will be paid for as a result of the awarding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant. Tom suggested we plant four London Plane trees on Huron Avenue for the Arbor Day celebration, April 30, 2016. Those trees, to be ordered with the batch designated for the Marina District, will be paid for using GLRI monies.

An additional one-item meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2016, to put the finishing touches on the Power Point presentation for the city commission, March 28, 2016.

Finalization for attendees and transportation to the annual Northeast Ohio Urban Forestry Conference at Lakeland College was discussed. The conference is Friday, March 11, 2016.

Bre suggested that if the city budget allows, we should make a pitch to the city commission to temporarily increase the level of outsourcing of tree removals in order to "catch up" the backlog of trees needing immediate attention.

Next month's meeting will be Tuesday, March 29, 2016 @ 4PM @ the city greenhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Arthur