

Sandusky City Tree Commission Minutes

February 28, 2017

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

City Staff: G. Lockhart, Liaison(abs); B. Link, Superintendent, Public Services; T. Speir, Foreman/Arborist; K. Kromer, Admn. Asst.

Guests: none

Old Business: Reviewed presentation to City Commission of 01/23/17. Everyone agreed that the presentation was well received, garnering positive feedback from a number of city commissioners and positive input/suggestions as we continue to move forward.

Kelly reported that the Geographic Information System (GIS) is pretty-much up to date and added that he is excited about the potential for tracking the particulars of the urban forest in Sandusky. The question was asked if a demonstration of the system could be set up for the Arbor Day celebration at the greenhouse on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Assurance that it could and would be available to the public in the way of a demonstration for that event.

Final arrangements were confirmed for the annual Northeast Ohio Forestry Conference at Lakeland College on Friday, March 10, 2017. Cynthia, John, Jim, and Tom will attend.

Brad distributed a comprehension report on the activities of the Forestry Department for year-to-date which included the number of tree removals, trimmings, "hanger" eradication, and brush pickup. Also noted was the 105 Christmas trees picked up from curbsides in January. In other Forestry business, he reported that Tree Experts won the bid (\$71,000) for the outsourcing of identified trees to be removed or trimmed for 2017 (109). The contract specifies that 68 trees are to be removed and 41 trimmed. Zone trimming will hopefully commence in early Fall. He is still working on and is hopeful of adding a Maintenance 2 employee as soon as April and a seasonal employee. Brad also pointed out that Forestry has been involved in tree grate leveling uptown.

New Business: Tom was contacted about a city tree on 15th St. that may need to be removed. The decision has been made to remove the two large trees in the 300-block of Meigs St., one, a Silver Maple, and the other the Heritage Elm.

The March meeting will be Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 4PM at the greenhouse, 601 Franklin St.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Arthur, recording secretary