

# Shade Tree Commission (STC) Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Location:** Zoom Conference – On Line

**Attending:**

**Commission Members:** Tom Mills, Ed Crawford, Brian Bauman, Ben Dolan.

- **City of Findlay:** Dave Honse, AJ Copus, and Jeremy Kalb.
- **City Council & Mayor:** N/A

Mills called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. and welcomed everyone this was our virtual meeting by zoom.

The minutes of the November 2020 meeting were presented. Crawford moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Dolan, minutes were approved.

**Financial Report:** A copy of the 2021 Budget was presented and discussed. No new expenditures to approve at this time.

**Reports:**

**City Council** – None.

**Public Works** – Honse reported that a lot of Christmas trees were being handled at the green waste site. They are also working on putting together the planting plan for trees in 2021.

**Engineering** – Had contact with the Lakeview Homeowners Association on putting together a plan for re-planting trees along the Co. Rd. 236 corridor.

**Old Business:**

**Tech Report** – Nothing to report.

**Arbor Day** – Date has been set one week earlier this year in April 23, 2021. Still working within the City Schools on a master plan for planting and location to be considered.

**Neighbor Woods** – Two potential areas were discussed, the Co. Rd.236 corridor, and the Brookside area. Both may have other options for funding i.e., Community Foundation.

**Adopt- A -Tree Planting** – the City has a few requests for the program with a majority coming in the summer.

**New Business:**

**Goal Development** – Mills presented a list of short/long term goals to be further discussed at the next meeting in November.

**Survey STC:** It was noted that Findlay ranked 46 out of 49 survey from NW Ohio. As an exercise the group went over each of the categories of the survey i.e., how we handle tree mulching, tree planting, utility relationship, strategic planning, etc.

**Other** – Mills noted that he has invited Arborist, Joe Purperi to our next meeting to discuss pruning.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm. Next meeting will be via Zoom on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 5pm.**