

Shade Tree Commission (STC) Meeting Minutes

Date: February 2nd, 2021

Location: Zoom Conference – On Line

Attending:

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

- **City of Findlay:** N/A
- **City Council & Mayor:** Christina Muryn
- **Guests:** Molly Newsome and Joe Puperi

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

The minutes of the January 2021 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: Joe Pureri lead a discussion on Tree Risk Assessment for the City of Findlay. It was noted that there are 3 levels of an assessment i.e. from a low risk to a significant one, all based on an ANSI score. City will check to see if an identified tree is tagged high risk and it becomes a damage site, who would be a fault, this has to be clarified. Joe was asked to provide a timeline for training for STC members and City later this spring.

Molly Newsome and Dr. Ben Dolan presented information on a Tree Canopy Study with the University of Findlay, using ariel photography, GIS, etc. Information such as the level of Tree Canopy in the City i.e. percent of trees along streets, tree cover on residences, wooded areas, parks, yards, roads, rivers, cropland etc. This information will be compared to similar cites such as Fremont and Tiffin. Molly and Ben hope to complete the study by the end of the school year.

City Council – None.

Public Works – None.

Engineering – None.

Old Business:

Tech Report – Nothing to report.

Arbor Day – Mills reported that he will be meeting with City of Findlay Schools to discuss a plan to conducting Arbor Day celebrations, providing Arbor Day resources for teachers.

Neighbor Woods – We now have three siters and there is interest to use the Brookside Drive location for this year. Bauman agreed to take the lead on this project.

New Business:

Ordinance Review: Mills shared our ordinances with Urban Forester, Stephanie Miller, who has offered some suggestions. The groups will further discuss it in length in future meetings.

Other – Since there are a few vacancies on the STC, a recommendation was made for Mills to check on interest from the Findlay City Schools to serve on the Commission. Mills noted that in 2022, Findlay would have an opportunity to host the Tree City Program.

Dolan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bauman, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm. Next meeting will be via Zoom on March 2nd, 2021 5pm.