

Findlay Shade Tree Commission (FSTC) Meeting Notes November 9, 2021

Meeting was held Tuesday November 9 at 4 pm, Municipal Building Main Conference Room (3rd floor).

Attendance: Brian Bauman, Tim Brugeman Jim Niemeyer (City Council Rep), Jane Ebersole (visitor).

Jane was introduced as an interested resident, interviewed by the Mayor for a seat on the Tree Commission, now waiting for appointment. She attended to learn more about FSTC activities.

Since no quorum of commission members, and no city employees were able to attend, no official meeting was held. Acting for Chair Tom Mills, Brian covered some highlights from the Agenda as helpful for us as year-end review and information for Jane.

Minutes from 10/5/2021 meeting were distributed; approval would need to be made at the next meeting.

Financial Report as of 11/9/2021 distributed. Brian mentioned that Dave Honse and AJ Copus advised him to report a balance of \$805 on a North Branch Nursery purchase order that still needs to cover back ordered trees (\$322) with remaining they can use for new trees in the parks. The Budget Report listed 2019 and 2020 at the top of columns, probably a typo. Year-end balance, after tree purchases, \$382.

Reports: Jim had nothing new from City Council but mentioned the City is looking for its Dorney Plaza Christmas tree now underway, and the Mayor's notice a \$5000 tree grant from the Community Foundation for use in the flood mitigation project from Main St. north of the river to MLK Parkway / Railroad Bridge.

Old Business:

Arbor Day 2022 plans still to be developed with Chamberlin Hill School; more will be done over the winter for the April event. Jane volunteered to help as it is in her neighborhood.

NeighborWoods planting 10/9 Brian recapped they had good weather and participation by residents, thanked city crews for their efforts preparing sites. 16 trees were planted, finished by noon. 8 Adopt-A-Trees were also distributed that day with Tom assisting. Both programs were explained to Jane.

New Business:

Tree City USA Recertification due early December. Time sheets were passed out for tree commission members to send in 2021 volunteer hours to Kathy Launder who will submit the paperwork.

Tree City USA 2022 Awards Event Tim mentioned the event has been changed to a new location at the Old Mill Stream Centre in the Fairgrounds, with a new date of May 11. Discussion followed with Jane about hosts, what the event is about and our local responsibilities. A committee continues to meet on the planning.

AJ Copus was congratulated on the recent City Award for Employee Excellence, and Brian wanted to make sure Dave Honse is always invited to Tree Commission meetings. With being elected to City Council starting January 2022, Brian was thanked for his 3 years of service.

No further business. Meeting adjourned 4:50 pm. Brian advised, next meeting is January 11, 2022.

There will be no December FSTC meeting. Happy Holidays to all!

Tim Brugeman