

Findlay Shade Tree Commission (FSTC) Meeting #1 Minutes Jan 5, 2023

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Meeting was held Thursday January 5 at 11:30 am, in the Municipal Building Large Conference Room (3rd floor).

Attendance: Brian Bauman, Tom Mills, Jane Ebersole, AJ Copus, Dave Honse, and Jeremy Kalb.

Welcome: Brian (Chairman) thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: Minutes were distributed for November and will be discussed at the February meeting. There were no minutes for December as the meeting was replaced with Young Tree Training Workshop for those who could attend.

Financial Report: Brian distributed report for review.

Discussion

Reports

- **City Council Representative** – Brian: No Report.
- **Public Works Department (PWD)** – AJ and Dave: There are 80 trees scheduled to be removed in the City. The Christmas tree has been taken down and taken to the Green Waste Site. Trimming will take place downtown on several trees. There has been discussion on quality of tree trimming brought up by a private arborist. With the ongoing workload of the department and especially with plowing, there has to be a compromise on the time vs quality regarding trimming. The Commission discussed the possibility of citizen pruning training with young trees, possibly through NeighborWoods.
- **Engineering Department** – Jeremy: Upcoming projects include Greenway Trail and the STRICT Center. Findlay is looking at grant opportunities for a multi-use path along Broad Avenue and Howard Street. The project along 568 from 236 to Bright Road is waiting for permit updates before moving forward.

Old Business

- **Spring Adopt-A-Tree** – we will finish 2022 list with eight residences.
- **Spring NeighborWoods** is still in planning stages for May 2023 planting.
- **Jane discussed Arbor Day plans** as she is in contact with the principal.
- **Brian discussed the draft Ordinance.** The Mayor is reviewing the draft and Brian will make final corrections.

New Business

- **Magnets** – Tom has ordered additional magnets with tree care tips. We will be amending the message by adding watering guidelines.

With no further business, Brian adjourned the meeting at 11:56 pm.

Next meeting will be Thursday February 2 at 11:30 am in Municipal Building. Submitted by Haley Belisle