

Findlay Shade Tree Commission Meeting,  
Thursday, September 8, 2022, 11:00 AM

Brian Bauman, Dave Honse, AJ Copus, Jeremy Kalb, Kelli Bibler, Tom Mills, Jane Ebersole, Haley Belisle

Guest: Sterling Helms, Building Manager, The Family Center

11:01 AM, meeting called to order.

June 2, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Kellie Bibler, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Mills, all approved.

Finance Report attached.

Discussion:

NeighborWoods:

Location, The Family Center, frontage on the north side of the property. Eastern Redbud and Spring Snow Crabapple. Site plans will be forwarded by the Chair for Family Center Board approval.

Approximately 6 trees.

AJ Copus: 200 feet of frontage.

October planting for NeighborWoods.

City Council: Chair Brian Bauman, no report.

Public Works Department: Trees I-75 interchanges. 2023

Engineering: Jeremy Kalb, Greenway Trail, would like FSTC input on replacement trees. EPA grant, removing 8 trees and must replace with 20 trees.

Strict Center, tree buffers, more to follow. 2023

Jane Ebersole and Chair, Brian Bauman, discussed Spring 2023 NeighborWoods, St. John's Lutheran Church, south side of property backside of sidewalk. The Chair will follow up with the church's minister at a later date.

Brian mentioned that he would like to see the FSTC continue to partner with local nonprofits for organized planting programs.

Ordinance Review Update:

Tom Mills: expressed and the group discussed the importance of an urban forester within the revised FSTC ordinance. Discussion to continue with other alternatives explored.

Safety-Service Director, Public Works Department, FSTC and/or their designee will suffice, omitting the term urban forester.

The Chair, Councilman Bauman, mentioned that funding was excluded from the most recent salary ordinance, and therefore, it is not something that the Administration will pursue at this time.

Add – Zoning, dead/hazardous tree enforcement, Brian will discuss with Eric Adkins and report back to the FSTC.

2022 Adopt-A-Tree Program, Haley, Jane, Tom will contact those interested in participating. In October in conjunction with NeighborWoods.

Adjourn: 12:00 PM