

Findlay Shade Tree Commission (FSTC) Meeting #8 Minutes Nov 3, 2022

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

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

Welcome: Brian (Chairman) thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: Minutes were distributed for October meeting and reviewed with no changes. Tom moved, Jane seconded motion to approve, vote unanimous.

Financial Report: Brian distributed report for review.

Discussion

- Finance report reflects the trees from NeighborWoods and Adopt-A-Tree. It also reflects \$650 for the cemetery park tree plantings.
- December 1st is the date of our next meeting and the date of the Young Tree Training workshop. The group voted to attend the workshop in lieu of a meeting.

Reports

- **City Council Representative** – Brian: Leaf pickup is November 14th – December 2nd. Leaves can be placed in brown paper bags for pickup.
- **Public Works Department (PWD)** – AJ and Dave: The Christmas tree will be going up on November 14th. The Green Waste Site hours will be changing for winter. Budgets are done and plan for a \$5300 transfer for 2023.
- **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. This would be a 10 foot wide multi-use path and they are looking for opportunities to include tree plantings along the path. Updates along 568 from 236 to Bright Road are going out to bid in the next 1-2 months and construction is scheduled to take place next year. Old trees will need to be taken down before April 1st.

Old Business

- **Brian discussed the draft Ordinance** that has been presented with minor changes from Zoning. The draft is now with Kathy for review with the mayor. If approved, it will be sent to Council. There is some interest in updating the ordinance with respect to tree placement near water lines as this could potentially allow for more plant-able areas.

New Business

- **NeighborWoods** – Six trees on site (3 spring snow crab apple and 3 eastern redbud) at the Family Center were planted October 21st. A sign will be placed soon at the planting. Next event will be discussed in early spring to be ready for May 2023 planting.
- **Adopt-A-Tree** – Ten trees picked up on October 22nd along with two placed at a residence on Center Street. We have a list of applicants to review for the spring.
- **Time-Sheets** – Brian reminded everyone to fill out volunteer hours before we submit the Tree City USA Application on December 2nd.

With no further business, Brian adjourned the meeting at 12:16 pm.

Dec 1 Young Tree Training workshop – ODNR Office from 9am – 3pm.

Next meeting will be Thursday January 5 at 11:30 am in Municipal Building. Submitted by Haley Belisle