

# Findlay Shade Tree Commission (FSTC) Meeting #2 Minutes Feb 2, 2022

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**Meeting was held Thursday February 2 at 11:30 am**, in the Municipal Building Large Conference Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor).

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

**Welcome:** Brian (Chairman) thanked everyone for attending.

**Minutes:** Minutes were distributed for December and January meetings and were reviewed with no changes. Brian moved, Jane seconded motion to approve, vote unanimous.

**Financial Report:** Brian distributed report for review.

## Discussion

- **Arbor day event is Friday April 21, 2023.**

## Reports

- **City Council Representative** – Brian: Discussions have been ongoing for changes to Emory Adams Park including some projects involving tree planting.
- **Public Works Department (PWD)** – AJ and Dave: Tree crews are out and working on tree lawns throughout the City. The Department has received compliments of the trees trimmed near Main and Center. The Department will also be seeing some staffing changes to the Superintendent and Supervisor positions.
- **Engineering Department** – Jeremy: Upcoming projects include bids for resurfacing. The Greenway Trail Phase Two should begin in March. Updates along 568 from 236 to Bright Road are going out to bid and construction is scheduled to take in the fall with plans for it to be finished in the spring. Old trees will need to be taken down before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Old Business

- **Adopt-A-Tree** – PWD provided a list of applicants for a spring event. The Commission discussed plans for ordering trees a little earlier this year so that they can be planted around the same time as the Arbor Day event. Plan for Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> to be event day.
- **Tree City USA Application** – No updates.
- **NeighborWoods** – The Commission will follow up with St. Johns Lutheran church for event site.
- **Brian discussed the draft Ordinance** that has been presented. Brian is working on final fixes and then the draft will be sent to the Commission for approval.
- **Magnet order** – The Commission reviewed examples of tree infographics and discussed the magnet order. Plans to look into a condensed magnet design. The old design can be kept on as a printed handout or another type of material.

## New Business

- **ODNR Grant Opportunity** – A survey was sent by ODNR Division of Forestry to assess funding for tree programs around the area. Discussion today included possibly using the grant on city tree pruning or contracting with an urban forester. Brian and Mayor Muryn will complete this survey for the FSTC.

With no further business, Brian adjourned the meeting at 12:21 pm.

Next meeting will be Thursday March 9 at 11:00 am in Municipal Building. Submitted by Haley Belisle.