

## **Findlay Shade Tree Commission Meeting—November 2, 2023**

Members: Jeremy Kalb, Dave Hanse, A. J. Copus, Brian Bauman, Tom Mills, Jane Ebersole--THIS WAS NOT A QUORUM, SO NO ACTION ITEMS DISCUSSED

Brian called the unofficial meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

General discussion points:

Financial report and October Minutes passed out

Reports

City Council--Brian said they are hoping to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and passage of the Ordinance at the next Council meeting (Wed. Nov. 8)

Tree City USA Application deadline December 1 (K. Launder working on that. Volunteer hours are due to her by November 17)

Brian reported he hopes to have new Arbor Day banners (appr. 1 block's worth) with new city logo. There may be room for more banners since they are leaning towards more "city functions," Veterans, Tree City USA banners rather than private concerns.

Public Works—Dave announced this year's city Christmas tree donated from 400 Utah and the tree is about 25'

Jeremy reported on the Greenway trail: the last 4 pieces for the footbridge being set today. Hoping the opening will be before winter. The property owner on the NE corner of Bright and 568 would like a black walnut removed and another hardwood tree put in its place. Jeremy has committed to 30 trees for this owner for his allowance of the path. Would like poplars and/or arbor vitae (Big Green). Brian asked about the Little Red School House area and whether the Callery pears could be replaced with native species. There may be a public restroom put in place. Jeremy will check on his funding. Brian suggested Rick Kidwell (Kiwanis member and former FHS biology teacher) might be a possible candidate for STC.

Tom shared several free tree workshops offered in Arcadia on 11/2 and 11/11 Check [www.treesforOhio.org](http://www.treesforOhio.org)

Jane will meet with the Action Team from Bigelow Hill on November 30 to plan for Arbor Day. The projected date is Friday April 26, 2024 dependent on the school's decision and the Mayor's schedule.

Brian adjourned the meeting @ noon. There will be no December meeting, and the next meeting will be Thursday January 4, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. in the municipal building.