

Findlay Shade Tree Commission (FSTC) Meeting #1 Minutes Feb 1, 2024 Page 1 of 1

Meeting was held Thursday Feb 1 at 11:35 am, in the Municipal Building Large Conference Room (3rd floor).

Attendance: Brian Bauman, Jane Ebersole, Haley Belisle, AJ Copus, Dave Honse, Jeremy Kalb, Tom Mills, and Mayor Muryn. Also in attendance was Jaclynn Hohman, Project Manager.

Welcome: Brian (Chairman) thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: Discussed if a member who was in attendance at last meeting could provide meeting minutes for November.

Financial Report: Brian distributed report for review.

Discussion

Reports

- **Mayor's Office** – Mayor Muryn provided update that City of Findlay has received \$100,000 in ARPA funds for tree canopy restoration. Media release will cover the planting project and will ask for volunteers to help spread the word via doorhangers. The Mayor has sent an email of areas that could be focused on outreach and plantings.
- **City Council Representative** – No report.
- **Public Works Department (PWD)** – AJ and Dave: PWD will be preparing for upcoming Canopy Restoration Project.
- **Engineering Department** – Jeremy: Trees will need planted along Greenway Trail and properties closest to Bright Road. At the corner property, homeowner is looking for a barrier similar to Arborvitae. Homeowner is also looking to replace a walnut tree with another hardwood.

Old Business

- **Urban Forestry Grant** – No new update.
- **Tree City USA** – Application is usually distributed in April.
- **Banners** – No new update, looking to replace all banners.

New Business

- **Reorganization** – Discussed reorganization of the Commission for this term with Haley as Chair and Brian as Vice-Chair. Brian made motion and was seconded by Tom. Motion was passed.
- **Adopt-A-Tree** – Discussed AAT in conjunction with Canopy Restoration Project. Plan for 1-2 Spring events and multiple Fall events. Discussed other groups that could be involved to help with planting. Discussed Canopy Restoration planting to follow the ordinance and push for plantings to take place in the Tree Lawn. Discussed waiving the \$25 tree cost normally associated with AAT. Will avoid planting during high heat of summer.
- **Arbor Day** – Seedlings to be purchased for event at Bigelow Hill to take place on April 26, 2024.

With no further business, Brian adjourned the meeting at 12:35 pm.

Next meeting will be Thursday March 7 at 11:30 am in Municipal Building. Submitted by Haley Belisle.