

Findlay Shade Tree Commission (FSTC) Meeting #3 Minutes April 4, 2024

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Meeting was held on April 4, 2024 at 11:40 am, in the Municipal Building Large Conference Room.

Attendance: Haley Belisle, AJ Copus, Jane Ebersole, Dave Honse, Jeremy Kalb, Tom Mills, and Rick Watson. Also in attendance was Jaclynn Hohman, City Project Manager.

Welcome: Haley (Chair) thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: March meeting minutes were presented. Jane moved, Rick seconded motion to approve, vote unanimous.

Financial Report: Haley distributed report for review. Jaclynn reports the new Tree City USA banners will be ordered for the downtown street corners, 32 banners in all.

Reports

- **City Council Representative** – No report.
- **Public Works Department (PWD)** – Green Waste site opened on April 2nd. PWD provided additional reports for the AAT/RAT events.
- **Engineering Department** – No report.

Old Business

- **Canopy Restoration Project** – We are working with PWD on the 280+ Request-a-Trees. Robin Schey is coordinating a spreadsheet for the quadrants of the city. Tom and AJ suggested a list of small and medium-sized trees for this project. We would like to have the first round of spring calls done and an order by April 25, with delivery by May 3. Earlier orders can be completed as city quadrants are completed. There is concern to get trees planted during the late spring before the weather heats up. There was discussion of stretching planting into end of May and early June as a possibility. Common sense and Mother Nature will prevail. Also discussed were the purchase of water bags and if handouts will be given to participants. Fall plans will need to start early as grant money will end December 31, 2024.
- **Adopt-A-Tree** – Plan to finish AAT separately from the Restoration Project as participants were able to select from the list of Pot-in-Pot trees from the nursery. Haley has coordinated a spreadsheet for AAT participants. AJ reported that 10 trees would be ordered for MCPA (4 small Merlot redbuds, 2 male Princeton Sentry ginkgo, and 4 Sienna Glen Maples). Trees will be ordered with Arbor Day tree by April 17th. Plan for participants to pick up and plant on Saturday April 27, 9 AM – 12 PM.
- **Arbor Day** – Jane reported that the Arbor Day seedlings would once again be donated by N. Branch Nursery. Celebration will be held at Bigelow Hill Intermediate School on Friday April 26, at 2 PM. They have chosen to plant an Eastern Redbud. All Shade Tree Commissioners are encouraged to be there.

New Business

- **Homegrown Habitat** – Jane reminded members of Homegrown Habitat, featuring author and entomologist Doug Tallamy. The program is being held at UF Winebrenner from 9 AM – 2 PM. Registration deadline: April 12, 2024 at homegrownhabitat.org.
- **Tree City USA Awards Program** – On April 17, 2024 from 10 AM – 2:30 PM in Defiance.

With no further business, Haley adjourned the meeting at 12:25 pm.

Next meeting will be Thursday May 2 at 11:30 am in Municipal Building. Scribed by Jane Ebersole and submitted by Haley Belisle.