

Minutes February 3,2014 Findlay Shade Tree Commission

The Monday February 3,2014 Findlay Shade Tree Commission was called to order by chairman Tom Mills at 4pm, at the 3rd floor conference room of the Municipal building. The following members were present: Tim Brugeman, Ed Crawford, Lynn Farwig, Tom Mills, Deb Seng. Members absent/excused: Dave Gasior.

Tim Brugeman made a motion to accept the Secretary's minutes, Deb Seng seconded the motion, the minutes were accepted.

A list of work groups was proposed with the following members responsible for the appropriate group:

Tree City- Tim Brugeman, Arbor Day – Lynn Farwig, Deb Seng, Adopt a Tree- Dave Gasior, Ordinance review- Ed Crawford, Downtown Development- Tim Brugeman, Master Tree Plan- Tom Mills, Dave Gasior, Education – Lynn Farwig Website- Kathy Lauder

Reports

City Council-N/A

Service Safety- It was reported that a Block Grant had been applied for to Benefit the West Park Area.

Engineering-N/A

Old Business:

Master Tree Planning was discussed. Tom Mills and Tim Brugeman showed a copy of a plan that they had worked on for a neighborhood in Findlay. This plan took into account all factors from soil type to topography of the neighborhood to determine future tree planting in that neighborhood. This type of plan could be used as a kind to ensure healthy trees in neighborhoods throughout the city of Findlay.

Sherman Park Neighborhood planting- There have been no public meetings as of yet for the neighborhood planting. There have been delays due to weather. Jay Yoder a neighbor has said that to date \$650.00 has been pledged by the neighbors. The neighborhood would like to have a may planting if possible.

Jefferson School Arbor Day program- The school would like to have an April 25 2014 program at the school. A time for the planting has yet to be determined.

Fall Adopt-a-tree-The program will be October 4,2014 at the Findlay Street Department. The Brochure will be updated.

City Council Tree ordinance-Ed Crawford will read over the ordinance to look for areas that the commission could have input to clarify the ordinance for city residents.

Tom Mills provided an outline with dates of upcoming programs and meetings for the commission.

New Business

Downtown Development- The Downtown Development will be impacted through the Marathon Development and possible state route changes through downtown Findlay. The Shade Tree hopes to be involved with the planning of future tree plantings downtown.

Education- Different programs educating the public in the taking care of trees in the city will be looked at to determine who will be involved and when the course or courses will be presented.

Master Gardner/Garden Clubs along with other area groups will be looked at to help in presenting programs, helping to teach courses and providing manpower throughout the 2014 year.

Hancock County Park District would like the Commissions help and presence at an Arbor Day program at Litzenberg Park.

Findlay Home Show will be March 1,2014. Last year the commission was able to have educational material at the show.

The meeting was adjourned at 5pm.

The next meeting will be March 3,2014 at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Seng Secretary

**FINDLAY SHADE TREE COMMISSION
TIMELINE FOR MEETINGS AND PROJECTS
2014**

- Sherman Park Tree Inventory
- Shade Tree Commission Meeting – Mar. 3, 2014
- Sherman Park, etc. Urban Site Index Work
- Shade Tree Commission Meeting – Apr. 7, 2014
- Tree City USA Recognition Program
- Arbor Day – Jefferson School – Apr. 25, 2014
- County Arbor Day – Litzenberg Memorial Woods – April 25, 2014
- Shade Tree Commission Meeting – May 5, 2014
- Young Tree Training Workshop
- Shade Tree Commission Meeting – Aug. 4, 2014
- Tree Commission Academy
- Adopt – A – Tree Program – Oct. 4, 2014
- Shade Tree Commission Meeting – Sept. 22, 2014
- Shade Tree Commission Meeting – Nov. 3, 2014