

April 7,2014 Findlay Shade Tree Minutes

The April 7,2014 Meeting of The Findlay Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Chairman Tom Mills at 4 :00 pm, at the Findlay Municipal Building Conference Room. The following members were in attendance: Tim Brugeman, Ed Crawford, Lynn Farwig, Dave Gasior, Dave Honse, Tom Mills, Paul Schmelzer, Deb Seng, Anne Spence.

The Minutes were presented , Ed Crawford made a motion to accept the minutes, Dave Gasior, Seconded the motion the minutes were approved.

Chairman Tom Mills distributed The New Shade Tree Handbooks.

Tim Brugeman showed the Commission the new ideas being used to help develop the new face of downtown Findlay. The Shade Tree Commission could be used to give advice and educate in the planting and location of trees and shrubs.

Reports

City Council –Anne relayed City Councils appreciation of the Shade Tree Commission. She told the Commission that council is behind the downtown development.

Engineering-No Report

Public Works- Dave Honse reported that the Green Dumpsite is open as of April 1 2014 and that this year's mulch is the best in 3 years.

Old Business

Master Tree Planting update- Tom reported that a meeting would be held May 5 at 9:00 AM

Sherman Park- Tim Brugeman reported that the Neighbors are excited and that on May 10th a number of trees and shrubs will be planted There have been 8 individual requests for trees, in addition 11 trees and 9 shrubs will be planted at the Park.

Jefferson School Arbor Day will be held Friday April 25 at 9:30 am. Ed Crawford made a motion to purchase a tree for the planting and Dave Gasior seconded the motion, the motion was accepted.

Hancock County Park District Tree planting - Lynn reported that Tree prep would take place Thursday April 24, the program and planting would take place April 25, with a number of volunteers and students participating.

Education- Lynn reported that the Master Gardners would be presenting education on various topics in conjunction with Stephanie Miller.

Adopt a tree- The adopt-a-tree application needs to be updated.

Shade Tree ordinance- Ed will be meeting with Paul Schmelzer to update and or suggest changes in order to make the ordinance relevant .

The Shade Tree display will be in the window of the Main St. Deli.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm

The Next meeting will be Monday May 5,2014

Respectfully submitted

Deb Seng Secretary

Upcoming Events for 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