

August Minutes Findlay Shade Tree Commission

The August 4 2014 meeting of the Findlay Shade Tree Commission was called to order at 4:00pm in the Conference room of the Municipal Building by Chair Tom Mills.

The following members were present , Tim Brugeman, Dave Gasior, Dave Honse, Tom Mills, Deb Seng, Anne Spence.

A motion by Tim Brugeman was made to accept the secretary's minutes from the May 5th 2014 meeting, Dave Gasior seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Reports

Anne Spence, city council, spoke to the commission about a local resident ,John Bower who has shown an interest in the neighborwoods program for his neighborhood.

Dave Honse of the Street Department spoke to the commission about the removal of trees , by Hancock Wood on bright road. The commission agreed with the decision and Tim Brugeman made a motion to accept the proposal of the removal of the trees, Deb Seng Seconded the motion was carried.

Old Business

Adopt-a- Tree- Dave Gasior said that North Branch could accommodate an extension for a later date for adopt-a-tree applications. It was agreed that applications would be accepted until 5pm Friday August 29 in the Mayors office. Applications received in the Mayor's office will be forwarded to Dave Gasior.

Lynn Farwig forwarded information from Stephanie Miller regarding two educational opportunities,

A young tree training class will be offered in early November the date to be determined.

The tree academy will be held in either January or February with Findlay hosting the academy.

New Business

A grant through Great Lakes restoration has been applied for with the potential of \$94,370 to be received. The grant is in cooperation with Ottawa.The grant is 100% funded with the funds needing to be spent 2016. The city of Findlay has requested \$51,000 of the grant if approved. Possible sites for new trees would be Swale Park, and Firestine,Park

A discussion was held on new language determining the new right away sizes in the Findlay ordinances.

The commission stated concerns about the responsibility of watering and caring for trees in both residential and business areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 5pm by chair Tom Mills.

The next meeting will be held September 22,2014 combining the September and October meeting in preparation for Adopt-a-tree October 4,2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Seng Secretary Shade Tree Commission

FINDLAY SHADE TREE COMMISSION TIMELINE FOR MEETINGS AND PROJECTS 2014

- Shade Tree Commission Meeting – Sept. 22, 2014
- Adopt – A – Tree Program – Oct. 4, 2014
- Shade Tree Commission Meeting – Nov. 3, 2014
- Young tree training
- Tree Commission Academy