

Findlay Shade Tree Commission November 3,2014 Minutes

The November 3,2014 Findlay Shade Tree Commission was called to order at 4pm by Chair Tom Mills.

The following members were present: Tim Brugeman, Lynn Farwig, Dave Gasior, Dave Honse, Tom Mills, Deb Seng, Paul Schmelzer, Guest Phil Moser (South Main St.)

Chair Tom Mills welcomed the committee and reported that the Commission would need to fill two vacancies that would be open in 2015. Commission members Ed Crawford and Dave Gasior will be stepping down.

The minutes were read and a motion to be accepted was made by Lynn Farwig,second by Dave Gasior,the Minutes were approved

Paul Schmelzer , Service ,Safety Director, indicated that he believed that the approximately \$1362.00 carried over from 2014 (from the Shade tree budget) could be added to the City Budget (2015)appropriation of approximately \$4500 to be used in 2015.

Dave Honse said all the trees from adopt a tree that had been planted in the city right of ways had been checked.

Dave Gasior reported that the 2014 adopt a tree had gone smoothly and that all trees had been planted.

Tim Brugeman introduced Phil Moser a representative of the next neighborhood tree planting.The Community foundation will again be offering a matching grant of \$2500 to plant trees in a dedicated neighborhood. Phil Moser indicated that 42 tree sites had been identified between McPherson and Lincoln streets. Neighbors have been asked to reply by late November on their willingness to participate.

Lynn Farwig reported that a Young Tree training session would take place December 3,2014Between 9:30 pm and 3:00pm. at the ODNR Building. Dress Warm!

Tim Brugeman reported on a grant application totaling \$96,000 to be divided between Findlay and Ottawa. If the grant is approved Findlay would receive approximately \$35,000 to replace ash trees during 2015 and extending into 2016 (18 months).

Tom Mills suggested the possibility of Phil Runge and Randy Greeno to fill vacant Commission seats.

Tim Brugeman reported that Kathy Launder is helping to set up the application for Tree City USA awards.

The first meeting of 2015 will be held January 5,2015 4:00 pm at the Findlay Municipal Building,third floor conference room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Seng, Secretary, **GO BUCKS!**

