

Findlay Shade Tree Commission
Minutes for January 4, 2016

The January 4, 2016 meeting of the Findlay Shade Tree Commission was called to order at 4pm in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building by Chair Tom Mills. The following members were present: Tim Brueman, Randy Green Karl Farwig, Lynn Farwig, Dave Honse, Tom Mills, Paul Schmelzer, Deb Seng.

Tom Mills welcomed the members to the first meeting of 2016.

Minutes- Tim Brugeman made a motion to accept the minutes, Randy Greeno seconded the motion, the minutes were accepted.

Paul Schmelzer told the commission that he was waiting for approval for the 2016 budget request for \$5,280 dollars.

Dave Honse had no report from the Street and Public works department.

Old Business

A lengthy discussion was held by the commission as the commission is looking over the ordinances and regulations regarding public trees and the role of the Findlay Shade Tree Commission. The Commission' goal is to streamline the ordinance and find a way to enforce city regulations involving the planting, the species, the care, the size and placement of trees planted in the city right of way. This revision is being done in conjunction with the Street department and the Law Director. The intent is to present a finished document for City Council's second meeting , February 16, 2016, to review. This is being done with the knowledge that Council will give this document three readings before approving all changes.

Tom Mills presented the 2016 Shade Tree budget to the Commission. The Budget includes \$5,280 appropriated through City Council, \$500 from Neighborwoods, Funds through the Community Foundation (for Neighborwoods) \$2,500 \$7.500 from a U.S. Forest Service grant and \$5,000 from Hancock SWCD grant for a total \$ 20,780 to be used for 2016.

Tim Brugeman told the Commission that two neighborhoods have asked to participate in Neighborwoods this year. Howard street west of Broad Ave and Greystone to Stonehedge. Tim had indicated Deb Schlachter will be the contact for Howard and Bev Bucher for Greystone.

Education - Lynn Farwig presented the following dates for Tree Commission academy in Findlay January 7 & Jan 22. 9:30-3:00pm , Young Tree Training January 15, 2:30pm Toledo Museum of Art March 18, 9:30 to 3:00 pm Edgerton Oh.

New Business

The Commission reviewed the 2016 Calendar in detail.

The Commission was told that Arbor Day program would be at Jefferson School.

The Shade Tree Commission Web Development would be handled by Karl Farwig.

Tom Mills told the Commission that 12 Tree City USA signs were going to be ordered.

The next Shade Tree Meeting will be Monday February 1, 2016 at 4pm

The meeting was adjourned 5:27pm

Respectfully Submitted
Deb Seng Secretary