

Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes from May 2,2016

The May 2nd meeting of the Findlay Shade Tree Commission was called to order at 4pm by Chair Tom Mills

The following members were in attendance Tim Brugeman, A.J. Copus, Karl Farwig,Lynn Farwig,Randy Greeno, Dave Honse, Jeremy Kalb,Tom Mills, Jim Niemeyer,Paul Schmelzer,Deb Seng. Guest :Jeff Wobser.

Minutes of the April Meeting- A motion was made by Karl to accept the minutes and a second by Joe Niemeyer, the Minutes were accepted.

The Budget for the remainder of 2016 was presented. An actual Budget of \$4,617.00 was shown to be on hand.

Jeremy Kalb was introduced as the representative from the Engineers office.

Reports:

City Council Joe reported that a second reading of the Shade Tree ordinance would be read Tuesday May 3, 2016 at City Council.

Service Safety/Engineering No Report

Public Works- Thank you to Dave Honse, Aj Copus and the Department for digging the holes for the tree plantings!

Old Business

Tom Mills Thanked everyone for the work done on the ordinance and said that he planned to be at the second reading in case council had any questions. Tom also welcomed Jeremy Kalb.

Neighborwoods project- Tim Brugeman thanked everyone for their help with the planting.Tim said the planting went well.

Education- Lynn reported that Young tree care would probably take place on Main Street and the Cemetary. There are no dates scheduled as of yet.

Arbor Day Program- Deb and Randy reported that the program went well and was well received. There was plenty of help from students and could possibly be a source of help in future projects.

East Street- Tom reached out to property owners and let them know that the Commission could not help them with their tree issues..

New Business

Host Tree city USA- It has been proposed that Findlay host the program in 2020 with a proposed venue of University of Findlay. Tom will keep the Commission up to date on the proposal.

The Commission will discuss an available grant with a total 3.7 million of which \$200,000 would be the maximum awarded per recipient.

Modified adopt a tree-The Commission wants to continue to make trees available to individuals if a tree is available. (The Commission would make neighborwoods the priority).

Marketing- Tom discussed the idea of a banner to promote the Commission.

Strategic Planning- To be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting August 1,2016.

Respectfully Submitted

Deb Seng