

Findlay Shade Tree Commission

Minutes – 8-7-18

Present: Becky Stahl, Jerry Williamson, Jeremy Kalb, Dave Honse, AJ Copus, Ben Dolan, and Tom Mills
Guest – Denny Bishop

Mills open with welcome and introductions.

In a previous meeting it was determined that Vincent St. from Bernard to Bernard would be the 2019 NeighborWoods project. Mills described the NeighborWoods program. Kalb indicated that the city took down 38 trees when the water lines were redone.

Bishop described the background of the Vincent St area. The neighborhood includes Bernard, Vincent, Concord, Parkside and Brenda Ct. It was a National Homes development initially following the Korean War. Later it deteriorated. Bishop - Kandel Realty bought a number of the homes and improvement took place. Presently, homes in the neighborhood are owned residents and by various groups including Bishop – Kandel Realty. Bishop recommended that using the right trees were important due to the high clay soils. He indicated that Bishop – Kandel Realty would support purchase an watering of trees for homes that they own after concern was expressed over watering and care of the trees planted.

It was determined to follow the city engineer's office to select NeighborWoods projects and select each project as appropriate. The Shade Tree Commission and the Public Works staff will review the area and determine who owns what and specifically what the needs are by the next Commission meeting.

Mills indicated that the secretary position remains to be filled.

The finance report was reviewed. Honse shared concern over dollars left in the budget for the Fall Planting. He indicated that the Public Works Dept. would cover the short fall for this fall but procedures would need to change for 2019. The report was approved as written.

The Commission was reminded to keep track of their time spent on Commission activities.

Williamson indicated that there are 9 requests for trees for fall planting. He will be following up with them as we prepare for distribution on Sept. 29 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Public Works garage.

Mills indicated that Flickinger would have the Arbor Day time line at our next meeting.

Mills indicated that the next meeting is planned for Sept. 18, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned.