

TIPP CITY TREE BOARD

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO October 8, 2014

Tree Board Meeting

The Tipp City Tree Board meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairman DeRoss.

Roll Call

Members in attendance included: Tom DeRoss, Adam Blake and Joanna Pittenger. Also in attendance were Park/Street Superintendent Jim Asher, Tree Crew members John Montgomery and Jordan Samples, and Board Secretary Marilyn Fennell.

Approval of Minutes

September 10, 2014

Mrs. Pittenger **moved the minutes of September 10, 2014 be approved as presented.** Mr. Blake seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Items not on the Agenda

Mr. Montgomery introduced the new city arborist, Todd Samples to the Board. He was welcomed by the Board members.

New Business

Tree

Plantings/Removals

173 Kiser Dr.-

Remove Maple by City

125 S. Third-

Remove 2 Ash by City

The first request for 173 Kiser Dr.- removal of a maple by the City. Mr. DeRoss said it was not a good sight as he drove in that vicinity due to the many dead ash trees. The Board agreed to removal of the Maple tree by the City.

The next request was for removal of 2 Ash at 125 S. Third St. Mr. Blake and Mrs. Pittenger said the trees were 2 healthy Linden trees. Mr. Montgomery confirmed that they are Linden trees. Mr. Blake said they could possibly be trimmed up. The Board did not agree to removal of the trees.

599 Windridge Dr.-
Remove 2 dead trees by City

The next request was for removal of two dead trees at the Windridge Apartments. The Board agreed to removal.

The Board discussed the ash trees on the west side of N. Hyatt Street at the DP&L property.

Annual Emerald Ash Borer Report

Mrs. Fennell had assembled a brief report. Mr. DeRoss recommended that a statement should be added regarding "providing diversity, the right tree in the right place; removing one and replacing that tree after site is reviewed within budget constraints. Mr. Asher stated he had asked for a bit more money for replacement trees. He has received \$5,000 and that may pay for 30-40 trees. He figures around \$250 a tree. He also does receive funds from the Milner Fund for parks and some curb lawn. Mrs. Fennell will finish the report and forward to Board members and then it will be forwarded to City Council.

Tree City USA 2014
Award

The award entry is being compiled by Mrs. Fennell with the assistance of Mr. Asher and Mr. Montgomery. Mrs. Fennell said she was working on the budget portion and was close to being finished with the award portion. The list of projects for the Growth Award has been reviewed. There are 3 projects which will be submitted. #1- the Tree City USA Awards Luncheon that the City hosted, #2- The Bird Observation Tower erected in Kyle Park and #3- the Favorite Tree Story project. Mrs. Fennell also provided the list of activities/projects that the City needs to consider to achieve a Growth Award and she asked the Board to give those consideration when planning next year's Plan of Action for City Council.

Mrs. Fennell advised the Board she would have this Tree City USA award paperwork completed by the end of November and submitted. Her last working day is November 28th as she is retiring from the City as of November 30.

Old Business

CR25A-
recommended trees
for planting.

Mr. DeRoss was not sure where that project stands but the Board needs some clarification on where the bikepath is to be and exactly where trees were to be placed. A new Engineer can hopefully provide that information. Mr. Blake said all the Board needs is that bit of information. Mr. Asher said that the trees would probably not be planted until the Fall of 2015. Mr. DeRoss requested this item be on the next agenda.

Favorite Tree Story

Mr. DeRoss said Mayor Hale gave certificates to two of the three participants at the October 6th Council meeting. Mr. DeRoss will deliver the certificate to Mr. Alexander. Mr. DeRoss thought the project was well received. Mrs. Fennell hope that news articles forthcoming might raise interest for next year.

Miscellaneous

Broadway Blvd.
trees-Electric lines

Mr. Montgomery asked the Board if they had looked at the Locust trees on the north side of W. Broadway from First Street, west to Fourth Street. Those 7-8 trees are getting in the electric line and need to be removed. Mr. Blake agreed with the removal and asked if the Electric Department had funds to replace them. Mr. Asher said the original trees were planted in a State improvement project on Broadway. Mr. Montgomery wanted to assure the residents that something would be planted. Mr. DeRoss and Mrs. Pittenger will take a look at the line of trees.

Mr. DeRoss also asked that Mr. Montgomery provide a copy of a tree removal policy regarding aged trees from the Troy ordinances which Mr. Montgomery had worked on when employed in Troy. Mr. Montgomery said he would get that and this refers to the trees on First Street that involves the line that runs on Broadway. Those trees have simply outgrown their space.

**Next Meeting
Date &
Adjournment**

Mr. Blake asked if Mr. Montgomery could come up with a drawing that shows the removal of the trees on Broadway and how the replacement trees would fit in. He thought that would be the best if the Board is going to approach Council for some funds.

The next meeting is December 10, 2014. There being no further business, Mr. Blake **moved to adjourn the meeting.** Mrs. Pittenger seconded the motion. Mr. DeRoss declared the meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm.

APPROVED _____
Tom DeRoss, Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Marilyn Fennell, Board Secretary