

TIPP CITY TREE BOARD

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO February 12, 2014

Tree Board Meeting

The Tipp City Tree Board meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.

Roll Call

Members in attendance included: Tom DeRoss and Joanna Pittenger. There is a vacancy on the Board with the expiration of Mr. Rambeau's term. Also in attendance were Park/Street Superintendent Jim Asher, Tree Crew John Montgomery, and Board Secretary Marilyn Fennell.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mrs. Pittenger nominated Mr. DeRoss for Chairman and Mr. DeRoss nominated Mrs. Pittenger as Vice-Chairman. They were elected to their nominated positions. Mr. DeRoss asked the status of a third member. Mrs. Fennell advised the opening is still being advertised.

Approval of Minutes

December 11, 2013

Items not on the Agenda

Mrs. Pittenger **moved the minutes of December 11, 2013 be approved as presented.** Mr. DeRoss seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

New Business

Requests- None

Mr. Asher reported the Tree Crew is working on the removal list.

There were no requests for plantings nor removals.

Annual Plan 2014

The Board reviewed the Annual Plan for 2014. Mr. DeRoss asked about the possibility of an Eagle Scout project for the tree labeling project. He would appreciate any information on scout leaders so that he could contact them and help coordinate this project. A start would be for the trees in the Aquatic Center parking lot. It was suggested to label some of the new downtown trees. Mrs. Pittenger **moved to submit the 2014 Plan to City Council for their approval.** Mr. DeRoss seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

Arbor Day, April 25, 2014

The board discussed plans for the Arbor Day celebration. Mr. Asher recommended planting 2-4 trees in Rosewood Creek Park. He was considering Black Hill Spruce and Elms. There was discussion on the seedlings for the First Graders. White Pine, Fir, or Black Hill Spruce were mentioned. Mrs. Fennell said she would check with the two companies the City has used the last several years for the seedlings.

There was a discussion on the Big Tree Contest. It was suggested we turn it into a Favorite Tree Story Contest. Maybe

Old Business

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the change will generate more participation. Something historical, memorial, or an event could be related about one's tree. This will be introduced during Arbor Day Week. The Board will consider returning to the Big Tree designation in 2015. Story boards can be set up in lobby. Any other suggestions are welcome for Arbor Day Week.

The question on the church rental was if it included the glassware and silverware. Mr. Long (caterer-Sam & Ethel's) said they would be willing to wash if needed. Mrs. Fennell will double check with Church. The cost will be \$19.00 for each person attending. This will include a donation to AIB for their services. The menu will include ham and turkey wraps, chicken salad on mini pretzel buns, broccoli salad, fruit bowl, chips, lemonade, coffee, tea, bottled water. The cost is \$6.39 per person. Sweets by Kristi can supply cupcakes at a cost of \$2.93 if we want an edible TCUSA logo on them, otherwise they are \$2.50. Flavors were discussed with Maple, Buckeye, Cherry and Walnut were suggested. The group decided upon 2 flavors, Maple and Buckeye, (8 to a table) were chosen. There will be a photographer but if a community wants their photo receiving their award, they need to bring their own camera.

Set-up needs to be done by 10:30. Mrs. Fennell will check with Mrs. Putnam about meeting on Thursday. Mr. Asher asked about the speaker. Mrs. Fennell reported that Adam Ravestein of Scarff's Nursery will speak on "Fresh Ideas for the Urban Landscape". He was recommended by Bill Duff, a former Tree Board member and Tipp City resident. Invites will be sent the week of February 17. Mrs. Van Buren is supplying labels. Write-ups for the communities will be solicited on the invitation for a program book and photos to be used in a PowerPoint program for all to enjoy as the event is getting underway.

Mayor Hale will be asked to do a welcome and then Mrs. Butera will be invited to make a short presentation on her recent downtown project and streetscape. Mrs. Fennell thought she already had something to present from a previous meeting. Mr. Ravenstine will speak before lunch. Lunch is to be served at noon, followed by Mrs. Van Buren's awards. A final word, introduction of next year's host, door prizes (if available) and dismissal. Other guests will include City Council, City Manager Jon Crusey, Assistant City Manager Brad Vath, Service Director/Engineer Scott Vagedes, representatives from Tipp Foundation, AIB, Downtown Partnership, Chamber of Commerce and State Senator Bill Beagle and State Representative Dick Adams.

Goody bags will be distributed as participants leave in the hallway. These include the cloth bags Mrs. Pittenger has obtained,

a can of juice and tomatoes from Tip Top Canning, and items from Trophy Nut. Mrs. Fennell was asked to approach Chamber of Commerce regarding donations from other businesses by staff. No word has been received. There was discussion on table decorations, Tipp City mugs, seedlings, etc. Mrs. Fennell said she was going to speak to the flower shop downtown regarding a centerpiece. Another planning meeting is planned for March 5, 2014 at 4:30pm.

Miscellaneous
Ash Removals

Mr. Montgomery reported 15 trees have been removed from Westedge plat recently and will continue. Mr. Asher said they will be replanting and the streets will look renewed.

**Next Meeting
Date &
Adjournment**

The next meeting is April 9, 2014. There being no further business, Mrs. Pittenger **moved to adjourn the meeting.** Mr. DeRoss seconded the motion. Mr. DeRoss declared the meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

APPROVED _____
Tom DeRoss, Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Marilyn Fennell, Board Secretary