

TIPP CITY TREE BOARD

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO April 9, 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. Newly appointed Board member, Adam Blake, was sworn in by Mrs. Fennell. Also in attendance were Service Director Scott Vagedes, Park/Street Superintendent Jim Asher, Tree Crew John Montgomery, and Board Secretary Marilyn Fennell.

Approval of Minutes

February 12, 2014

Mrs. Pittenger **moved the minutes of February 12, 2014 be approved as presented.** Mr. Blake seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Items not on the Agenda

Mr. DeRoss said he was able to contact two local Boy Scout leaders regarding a possible Eagle Scout project. They discussed the identification of the trees at the Aquatic Center. Mr. DeRoss offered to be an advisor to the Scouts. Mr. Asher said he had received a follow-up call. Mr. DeRoss hopes this will move forward.

New Business

C. W. Dow St.-
Reconstruction
Project

Mr. Vagedes reviewed the plan for the reconstruction of W. Dow Street from Rohrer Drive to S. Hyatt Street with the Board. This is similar to the work done on Dow Street to the east this past year. There are 11- 2" caliper trees to be planted. 4 Armstrong Maples at the west end, 4 Belle Tower Maples at the east end, and 3 Musashino Zelkovas in the middle. The cost is \$354-\$420 each. 7 trees were removed and 7 saved. Construction should start very soon in mid-April.

Mr. DeRoss said he appreciated Mr. Vagedes working with the Board on the first portion of this project. They agreed they are anxious to see how the trees survived the harsh winter conditions we experienced. Mr. Blake asked what instructions were given to the property owners. Mr. Vagedes said that the plan was presented to the property owners and these are the trees that were selected. The care after planting is up to the property owners. We provide flyers and there has been a video created for KIT-TV. Mr. Asher said Gator Bags have been used during dry conditions. Mr. Blake asked if the trees are guaranteed for a year. Mr. Vagedes said that was correct and it is in the contract. Mr. DeRoss said he and Mrs. Pittenger attended the Tree Academy and diversity is important when considering replacement trees. The right tree in the right location is most important.

D. County Rd. 25-A

Mr. Vagedes continued with the next reconstruction project

(W. 571 to Michaels Rd.) Reconstruction Project - 2015

which is the widening of County Road 25A from Michaels north to State Route 571. There will be an increase from two lanes to five lanes and curb and gutter installed. This is an ODOT funded project along with Miami County, Monroe Twp., and Tipp City monies will be used for this project. This is to be built in 2015. We are at the point where the right-of-way is being purchased, which is 17' on each side of the road. It will be a 100' right-of-way with 15' utility easements outside that. There is space for 58 tree plantings designated on the drawing that Mr. Vagedes provided. They are spaced about 100' apart and some nice large trees could be planted. \$15,000 has been budgeted for this project. Some oaks, elms, and others could be used. He asked the Tree Board to come up with a plan by the first of October so they can be sent to the engineer to be placed on the plans. The project will be bid out in December with awarding the project in February. The red x's are trees to be removed. They will be removed between the end of October and the first of April. The private trees will remain.

Mr. Vagedes continued there will be some water mains and sanitary sewers installed. In the middle section, Curry Branch has ash trees planted so there will be additional trees planted. There will be spun-aluminum light poles used every 300' on either side. The trees will be 50' from any light pole. Mr. DeRoss asked the total length of this project. Mr. Vagedes replied 3900 feet for this portion in 2015. In 2017 from Michaels to Evanston Road is the completion of the project. This allows 3-phase electric to be installed in the 15' easement outside of the 17' curb easement.

Mr. DeRoss recommended the Board meet and take a look at this project. Mrs. Pittenger said she wants to see a variety of large trees. Elms, lindens, Armstrong Maple and some other maples were suggested. Mr. Vagedes asked that they keep the second portion of the project in mind when they make their selections. Mr. Blake asked about the Koenig section. Mr. Vagedes said their landscaping was done behind their mound where they display their equipment. Mr. Blake also asked about the SE corner of 571 & 25A. Mr. Vagedes said that property is out of the city limits and it is unclear what the owner has planned for that corner lot. To the south of that corner there are trees to be removed on township lots so replacement trees are being planted.

Mrs. Fennell said that the Curry Branch trees have and are being treated for EAB. Mr. Vagedes said they should continue because if they are saved for some time, that is a good thing.

Mr. Blake asked about sidewalk. Mr. Vagedes said there is sidewalk at Curry Branch and that will continue down to Coach Drive. In the future there are plans for a bike trail but it will take more grant funds to place one on the west side. For the Board to

review this area Mr. Vagedes suggested it will be difficult to walk. Mr. DeRoss asked that the recommended list of trees be distributed again. Mr. Asher also suggested they Google Map this area and take a look. The Board agreed to send some dates that they would be available to meet on this assignment. Mr. Vagedes said to be sure and use Mr. Asher and Mr. Montgomery for their input.

A. Requests-
Removals &
Plantings
55 N. Tippecanoe-
Remove 2 Locust

Mr. Larry Hagen requested City removal of 2 Locust trees from the Warner Drive side of his property as they are lifting the sidewalk. Mrs. Pittenger said two other trees had been removed from this property previously. The Board agreed to removal of the two trees.

911 N. Westedge-
Water line project

The second location was at 911 N. Westedge Drive where new water lines are being installed. Multiple roots have been cut that are over the 3" in diameter. Mr. Blake had a question about replacement trees. Mr. Asher said normally if the City removes a tree, then one is planted back. There are other addresses that will need to be watched, 918 and 926 N. Westedge.

Mr. DeRoss asked for an update on the ash removal. Mr. Montgomery reported he had removed 34 trees from Tippecanoe to Kiser. There are still 32 on the list (not counting the ash trees) to be removed. In all he had over 200 trees for removal from city property, curb lawns and parks and he was hoping to do 1/3 each year for 3 years but with the weather conditions this winter, he was unable to do that number of trees. He is trying to keep his eye on any that look dangerous. Mr. DeRoss asked that he keep up with that.

Mr. Asher asked that they look at Miles Avenue and give consideration for fall planting. The stumps need removed but a number of ash were removed. He said three-four varieties would be good. He'd like to plant around 20 trees this fall.

Arbor Day, April 25,
2014

The schedule for Arbor Day was reviewed. The new proclamation from Ms. Van Buren will be used for the Mayor's Proclamation. 5 trees will be planted in Rosewood Creek Park and Nevin Coppock First Grade has requested a 2:45pm visit from Mrs. Pittenger and Mrs. Fennell. Mr. Blake and Mrs. Pittenger said they would be at the planting. The Favorite Tree Story will be introduced that week.

Tree Brochure

The brochure needs updated. Mr. Blake suggested it also be on the City's website. The recommended list of trees should be removed, update the Memorial Tree information, list the staff without names but give phone numbers to call for information. Mrs. Fennell said she would start with the graphic artist on these

changes. The Board will review at the next meeting.

Old Business

Ash Removal Update

Mr. DeRoss said he moved this up in the agenda and had already been discussed.

Tree City USA- April 11, 2014

Mr. Blake asked when help was needed. Mrs. Fennell said the bags will be filled starting at 4pm on Thursday, April 10 at the church location. The tables are to be set up. The cupcakes need picked up at 9am at Kristy's. The doors are to open at 10:30am but she was sure persons will arrive by 10am. A group decided to meet for breakfast at Sam & Ethel's at 7:45am. There are 156 confirmed and 5 America In Bloom members and 2 from KIT-TV. Bill Cost is assisting with the audio/visual. Gordon Pittenger will be there with KIT-TV. There will be Black Hill Spruce and White Pine seedlings to distribute.

Mayor Hale will welcome all, Senator Beagle and Representative Adams have presentations to make, Mrs. Butera will speak on the Streetscape project and then the main speaker, Adam Ravestein from Scarff's Nursery will talk. Lunch will be at noon, followed by the awards by Ms. Van Buren and then door prizes and dismissal by approximately 2pm. Donations by TipTop Canning, Trophy Nut, Regal Beloit, Voss Honda, Tipp Chamber and a few other items will be for the Goody Bags. Gardens Alive, A.M. Leonard, Scarff's Nursery, Natorps (5 trees), Sam & Ethel's, 3 Speedway cards and some other items including the centerpieces have been donated for door prizes.

Mrs. Fennell asked for assistance at the registration table. A few cities need to pay but they know who they are. Mrs. Fennell was confident all was under control and has appreciated the work of the Board and staff on this event.

Miscellaneous

Annual Tree Plan- approved March 3, 2014

A copy of the Council approved Plan was in the packets for the members' files.

Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

The next meeting is June 11, 2014. There being no further business, Mrs. Pittenger **moved to adjourn the meeting.** Mr. Blake seconded the motion. Mr. DeRoss declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

APPROVED _____
Tom DeRoss, Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Marilyn Fennell, Board Secretary