

April 08, 2015

Chairman Tom DeRoss called the meeting of the Tipp City Tree Board to order on Wednesday, April 08, 2015 at 5:15 pm. Other Board members in attendance included: Joanna Pittenger and Adam Blake. Also in attendance were City Park/Street Superintendent - Jim Asher, Tipp City Arborist - Todd Sample, and Board Secretary - Kimberly Patterson. Mr. Blake joined the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Citizens signing the register: There were none.

Minutes

Chairman DeRoss asked for discussion. Being no further discussion, Mrs. Pittenger **moved to approve the February 11, 2015 and February 18, 2015 meeting minutes as written**, seconded by Mr. DeRoss and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.**

Items Not on the Agenda

There were none.

New Business

The following removal requests were approved:

- 864 N. Westedge - Silver Maple

Old Business

Update – City Council April 6, 2015 Meeting

Mrs. Pittenger stated that Mayor Hale read the Proclamation establishing Arbor Day; Mr. Blake spoke to Council updating them on the County Road 25A Project and the number of Ash trees being removed throughout the City.

Board Members concurred to add to the existing tree list the Chinquapin Oak. Chairman DeRoss asked for further discussion. There being none, Mrs. Pittenger **moved to add the Chinquapin Oak (Quercus Muehlenbergii) to the large tree list**, seconded by Chairman DeRoss and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.**

Chinquapin Oak details:

Latin Name: Quercus muehlenbergii

Tree Size: Large

Leaf Type: Deciduous

Growth Rate: Moderate

Water Needs: Moderate

Tolerances: Drought, alkaline soils (pH > 7.5)

Attributes: Texas native, reliable fall color, seeds or fruit eaten by wildlife

Features: Attractive, light-colored bark; deep green leaf color creates a lush appearance.

Comments: Good for limestone soils; excellent shade tree!

Problems: Fallen acorns can be a nuisance.

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Firewise: Yes

2015 Tree City USA Awards – Wyoming Civic Center

Chairman DeRoss asked for clarification of who was attending the Tree City USA Awards. Mrs. Patterson stated that the following were registered to attend: Pat Hale, Mayor; Joanna Pittenger; John Montgomery; Jim Asher; and Kimberly Patterson. Registration to begin at 10:00 a.m.

Arbor Day Celebration April 24, 2015

Chairman DeRoss inquired what events were taking place and who was covering them. Mrs. Patterson stated the following:

1st Grade Presentation

Mrs. Patterson stated that the nursery did not have the Buckeye tree and was completely sold out. After discussing with Mr. Asher 200 Red Bud trees were ordered from Alpha Nurseries, Inc. that were scheduled for delivery April 20, 2015. Trees were expected to be 12" to 18" tall, individually tagged and bagged. Mrs. Pittenger and Mrs. Patterson will be presenting to two groups of first graders at Nevin Coppock Elementary at 9:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. to two groups with KITTV to video and take photographs.

Coloring Contest

Mrs. Patterson delivered and picked up the coloring contest pages from the second graders of Broadway Elementary. Board Members picked their top two. First place winner was Elizabeth Stallard, second place winner was Kayden Curry. Board Members agreed that the prizes would be \$20 and \$10 privately donated gift cards to Cairns Toys.

Tree Planting & Proclamation – Rosewood Creek

Tree Board Members will meet at Rosewood Creek with City Officials at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Asher noted that the trees will already be planted in the ground. KITTV and other media will be there. Mayor Hale was to read the proclamation. Mrs. Patterson stated invitations will go out the week of April 13, 2015.

Ash Tree Removal

Mr. Asher stated that Ash tree removal was ongoing throughout the City. Crews will be concentrating in the Tippecanoe and Kiser Drive areas with the removal of the larger Ash trees.

Chairman DeRoss inquired how the trees that were approved for removal were scheduled. Mr. Asher stated that the location of the trees determines when the removal would occur and ~~was~~ ^{will} fit in the Arborists schedule when they can.

Miscellaneous

Growth Award

Board Members received notification from Wendi Van Buren and that the City of Tipp City had achieved the status of Sterling Community by accomplishing the Growth Award status for ten years in a row.

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Community Services Program

Mrs. Patterson contacted Community Services. Date for Tree Pruning Class was scheduled for June 13, 2015 at Kyle Park Pavilion at 9:00 a.m. Class should last an hour and run by John Montgomery and Todd Samples. Sign up for the class will be completed through Community Services at no charge. Board Members suggested meeting at the Timmer Pavilion in lieu of the Kyle Park Pavilion. Mrs. Patterson will look into changing the location if possible.

Follow up to City Council

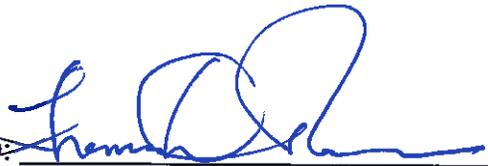
Chairman DeRoss stated that he would create a follow up letter in regards to increasing the 2016 city budget for tree replacement throughout the city due to the overwhelming amount of Ash trees that had been removed.

Adjournment

Chairman DeRoss asked for further discussion or comments. There being none, Mrs. Pittenger **moved for adjournment**, seconded by Mr. Blake and unanimously approved.

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED: _____



Board Chairman, Thomas DeRoss

ATTEST: _____



Kimberly Patterson, Board Secretary

