

August 12, 2015

Vice Chairman Joanna Pittenger called the meeting of the Tipp City Tree Board to order on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 5:17 pm. Other Board members in attendance included: Adam Blake. Also in attendance were City Park/Street Superintendent - Jim Asher, Tipp City Arborist - John Montgomery, and Board Secretary - Kimberly Patterson. Citizens signing the register: There were none.

Absence

Vice Chairman Pittenger **moved to excuse Tom DeRoss from the meeting**, seconded by Mr. Blake and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.**

Minutes

Vice Chairman Pittenger asked for discussion. Being no further discussion, Mr. Blake **moved to approve the June 10, 2015 meeting minutes as written**, seconded by Vice Chairman Pittenger and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.**

Items Not on the Agenda

There were none.

New Business

Tree Planting/Removal Requests

The Board discussed and concurred on the following

1. Daniel Vore, 333 S. Third St. - Remove by City
2. Marilyn Barnes/Carol Powell (owner), 506 N. Third St. - Remove by City
3. Loraine Smith, 220 N. Garber Dr. - Plant 2 curb lawn trees by City
4. Diana Baldwin, 761 Shoshoni Way - Remove by City
5. Matthew Stum, 40 N. Tippecanoe - Remove by City
6. Michael Hartly, 208 N. Sixth St. - Remove by City
7. Ian Porto, 537 Horton Ave. - Remove by City AND Plant by City
8. Debbie Minnich, 181 Kiser Dr. - Remove by City
9. Dona Hormell, 771 & 775 Arapaho - Remove 2 trees by City
10. John Angel, 105 W. Main St. - Remove 2 trees by City
11. Lona Slanker, 203 N. Third St. - Remove by City AND Plant by City
12. Diana Crumrine, 239 S. Sixth St. - Remove by City AND Plant by City
13. Wes Arblaster, 10 W. Dow St. - Remove 2 trees by City
14. Dorothy Gentry, 327 S. Fifth St. - Remove by City AND Plant by City
15. James & Melissa Hayes, 257 N. Second St. - Remove by City

Vice Chairman Pittenger asked for discussion. Board Members found that the following requests for removal were all Ash trees and agreed for their removal. Mr. Blake **moved to approve request numbers 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, and 15 for removal**, seconded by Vice Chairman Pittenger and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.**

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Board Members reviewed request number one. Mr. Blake **moved to remove the small dead tree located at 333 S. Third Street**, seconded by Vice Chairman Pittenger and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.**

Board Members reviewed request number two. Mr. Blake **moved to remove the tree located at 506 N. Third Street**, seconded by Vice Chairman Pittenger and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.**

Board Members reviewed request number three. Vice Chairman Pittenger noted that the stumps had been removed last week. Board verified that the Honey Locust, Imperial was a tree on the large tree list and did not recommend planting a large tree in that particular curb lawn due to the curb lawn size four foot. Board members agreed to suggest a medium size tree and that tree to be determined by the property owner. Mrs. Patterson inquired on behalf of the property owner how soon a tree could be planted in the area of stump removal. Mr. Asher noted that the area would have to be evaluated but noted that a tree could not be planted where a stump was removed for two years. Vice Chairman Pittenger **moved to approve the planting request with modification to deny the large tree request and suggest medium size trees; species to be determined by property owner located at 220 N. Garber Street**, seconded by Mr. Blake and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.**

Board Members reviewed request number seven and agreed the tree had died. Mr. Blake **moved to remove the dead tree located at 537 Horton Avenue and to replace with a like tree**, seconded by Vice Chairman Pittenger and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.**

Board Members reviewed request number ten and noted that the Ash tree was obviously dying; the Maple tree should be revisited next spring and to deadwood the tree. Mr. Blake **moved to remove the Ash tree and suggested to suggest to the property owner to deadwood the Maple tree located at 105 W. Main Street**, seconded by Vice Chairman Pittenger and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.**

Board Members reviewed request number eleven and noted that the tree looked good with no compromise to the sidewalk and suggested that property owner prune the Armstrong Maple. Mr. Blake **moved to deny the request and suggest to property owner to prune the tree located at 203 N. Third Street**, seconded by Vice Chairman Pittenger and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.**

Board Members reviewed request number twelve for the planting of the curb lawn tree and the removal of the existing tree had already been approved with a previous motion. Vice Chairman Pittenger **moved to approve the planting request of a Maple Norwegian**

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Sunset at 239 S. Sixth Street if enough room to be planted, seconded by Vice Chairman Pittenger and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.**

Board Members reviewed request number thirteen; both trees are large Silver Maple trees and were leaning and agreed with the safety issues present. Mr. Blake **moved to remove both trees located at 10 W. Dow Street**, seconded by Vice Chairman Pittenger and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.**

Board Members reviewed request number fourteen; agreed to be a healthy tree but noticed some sidewalk issues. Mr. Asher stated that in the past if a resident is replacing their sidewalk and when the slab is pulled to call Mr. Asher's Department and if the root system was witnessed to be larger than three inches then the tree would be put on the list for removal at that time. Mr. Blake **moved to deny the request and recommended that at the time the sidewalk is being replaced to notify the City to inspect tree roots and evaluate tree for removal located at 327 N. Fifth Street**, seconded by Vice Chairman Pittenger and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.**

Old Business

Stump Removal Update

Mr. Asher stated that removal was being performed on the weekends and were approximately 95% completed for a total of 57 stumps. Mr. Montgomery noted that the approximately 25 stumps were removed by City Tree Crew this year.

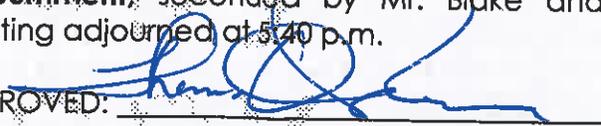
Board Members inquired if there was money available from the Milner Fund. Mr. Asher stated that there was.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Asher stated that he had appropriated funds in the 2016 budget for tree replacement and removal. Mr. Asher also stated that it was up to City Council to approve his increase request in both tree replacement and removal budgets.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Pittenger asked for further discussion or comments. There being none, Vice Chairman Pittenger **moved for adjournment**, seconded by Mr. Blake and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

APPROVED: 

Board Chairman, Thomas DeRoss

ATTEST: 

Kimberly Patterson, Board Secretary

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