

December 9, 2015

Chairman Thomas DeRoss called the meeting of the Tipp City Tree Board to order on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 5:17 pm. Other Board Members in attendance included: Joanna Pittenger. Also in attendance were City Park/Street Superintendent - Jim Asher, Tipp City Arborists – John Montgomery and Todd Samples, and Acting Board Secretary – Kelly Rowlands.

Citizens present: None

Minutes

Chairman DeRoss asked for discussion. Being no further discussion, Mrs. Pittenger **moved to approve the October 14, 2015 meeting minutes as written**, seconded by Mr. DeRoss and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.**

Items Not on the Agenda

Mr. DeRoss listened to the USDA Urban Forest Connection conference call on Repurposing Urban Wood. He would like to share some highlights and has a few questions for City Staff. Discussion will take place under Miscellaneous Business.

New Business**Tree Planting/Removal Requests**

The Board discussed and concurred on the following requests:

- 20 Miles Ave. – Remove by City 12/9/2015
- 109 S. First St. – Plant by City 12/9/2015

Old Business

Mr. DeRoss inquired where the City was at with the ash tree project.

Mr. Montgomery responded that by the end of the year only 6 big trees will remain on the removal list. Ash trees not on the list include about a dozen at the intersection of N. Tippecanoe and Miles. Those will be done after the ones on the removal list are removed. The City of Tipp City staff is keeping up with the dangerous trees.

Mr. DeRoss also asked about the tree order. Is it too early to place the order?

Mr. Asher responded that it is too early and that he typically places the order in March.

As a follow-up, Mr. DeRoss questioned what the budget will be for the tree order.

Mr. Asher answered that he has not seen his Operational Budget yet. He has heard that there is a good possibility for a \$5,000 increase.

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Miscellaneous

Mr. DeRoss shared information that he gathered during the Repurposing Urban Wood conference call.

One question that he had was what the City of Tipp City does with wood once a tree is removed.

Mr. Asher stated that currently the City has been transporting much of the wood to Bart's and they make mulch.

Mr. DeRoss commented that many other cities shared that this was what they did as well. During the conference other ideas were also presented.

Mr. Asher mentioned that in the past, the City has been approached about oak trees and purchasing wood. The City did reach an agreement and sold a few.

Mr. Samples stated that much of the good wood would be found in the City Parks, not in the curb lawn areas.

Mr. Asher shared that Leshar Woods would be an opportunity for someone to go in and log out the ash trees. The City of Tipp City will research if there would be anyone interested in clearing the ash trees to allow for the new bike path.

Mr. DeRoss asked about the status of the trees that need replaced on Main Street. The trees that were under warranty still.

Mr. Asher responded that those trees will be replaced in the spring.

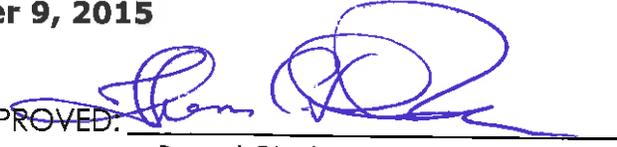
Adjournment

Chairman DeRoss asked for further discussion or comments. There being none, Ms. Pittenger **moved for adjournment**, seconded by Chairman DeRoss and unanimously approved. **Motion carried**. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY

TREE BOARD

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APPROVED: 

Board Chairman, Thomas DeRoss

ATTEST:


Kelly Rowlands, Acting Board Secretary

