

August 10, 2016

Chairman Thomas DeRoss called the meeting of the Tipp City Tree Board to order on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. Other Board Members in attendance included Joanna Pittenger and Adam Blake. Also in attendance were Streets and Parks Superintendent Jim Asher, and in-term Board Secretary Dawn Gross.

Minutes

Chairman DeRoss asked for discussion. Being no further discussion, Mr. DeRoss **moved to approve the June 8, 2016 meeting minutes as written**, seconded by Mr. Blake and approved. **Motion carried.** Ayes: Pittenger, Blake, and DeRoss. Nays: None.

New Business

Tree Planting/Removal Requests

The Board discussed and concurred on the following requests:

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| • 164 Kiser Drive – Removal of tree by City | 8/10/2016 |
| • 14 Warner Drive – Removal of tree by City | 8/10/2016 |
| • 43 Warner Drive - Removal of tree by City | 8/10/2016 |
| • 52 Warner Drive – Removal of tree by City | 8/10/2016 |

Discussion on tree plantings and removals was as follows:

1. 164 Kiser Drive – Mr. DeRoss commented “how did we miss this tree?” It is sitting out there all by itself and it is the only dead tree on the block. The Board agreed. Mrs. Pittenger **moved to approve the removal of the tree**, seconded by Mr. Blake. **Motion carried.**

Mr. DeRoss asked Mr. Asher in regards to the removals on Warner Drive, he is not sure what is being asked for. Mr. DeRoss drove by and saw new sidewalks have been installed and it appears a tree has been removed already. Mr. Asher responded the trees had roots large than 3” and they were cut out as a result of the sidewalks being replaced. Whenever a root larger than 3” in diameter has to be cut, it leaves the tree unstable, therefore resulting in the need to be removed. Mr. Blake **moved to ratify the removal of trees on Warner Drive, because of the 3” root rule**, seconded by Mrs. Pittenger. **Motion carried.**

Old Business

Ash Tree Removal Update

Mr. Asher said there is not much to update, the guys have been focusing on clearing limbs from power lines. They are in the process of putting a list together to begin curb lawn removals. There are 6 Ash Trees in Hathaway Park, Mr. Asher has asked for these trees to be included on their list and they were hopeful to get started in the next couple of weeks. Normally the bulk of the curb lawn tree removals are done in the winter time.

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Mr. DeRoss asked if this would be completed this year, Mr. Asher responded, No, they will not get all of them this year.

Mr. DeRoss discussed preparing a presentation for Council to get more funding for tree replacement in the City. Mr. Asher indicated he has already attended one budget meeting, and at this meeting he asked for more funding for tree removal and replacement. Mr. DeRoss and the Board would like to support Mr. Asher's request by preparing a small presentation to show Council what has been done, what is being done and the general costs to remove and replace trees. Mr. Asher said this is a great idea, just make Council aware anytime between now and October would be a great time before finalization of the budget.

Tree Planting Plan and Budget

Mr. Asher stated, on average in the past we would remove 20 – 25 trees a year, mostly due to unsafe conditions or trees being dead. Last year alone we removed ± 60 curb lawn trees and 15 Park trees. Mr. Asher said we will most likely be removing another 10 – 15 before years end. Mr. Asher walked through the new bike path at Leshar Woods and indicated there were roughly 100 dead Ash Trees around the walking path that will need to be cut down.

Mr. Blake asked for anticipated plantings for 2017 fiscal year. Mr. Asher said he asked for an extra \$5,000.00, if approved this would give a budget of \$15,000.00 for plantings next year. This amount would get ± 60 trees to plant for the next year. Mr. DeRoss asked, how many trees do we normally plant in a year? Mr. Asher responded, we try to plant 25 a year, the same amount we normally take down a year.

Miscellaneous

Tree Academy Report

Mr. Blake will be meeting with his colleague in mid-September to create a plan for the Tippecanoe, Garber, Miles, and Kiser areas.

Stump Removal

Mr. Asher reported stump removal is done. There were 57 stumps on the list to be removed, we added three more, resulting in the removal of 60 stumps. Mrs. Pittenger asked when the stump at 52 Warner would be removed, Mr. Asher replied, there is not much left in the budget for removal, so it may have to wait until the next scheduled stump removal.

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Fall Tree Planting

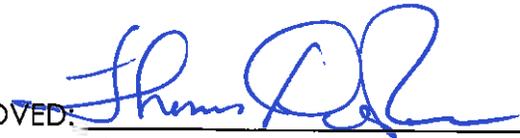
Mr. DeRoss inquired about scheduling for the fall tree planting. Mr. Asher indicated scheduling is underway and he is working on creating a list for replacements. Orders will be placed the end of September with planting to be scheduled the first of November.

Mr. Blake asked if we had been made aware of the sidewalk tree issue south of the Legion's parking lot entrance on Third Street? Mr. Asher did not know of this issue. There is a question as to the ownership of the tree.

Adjournment

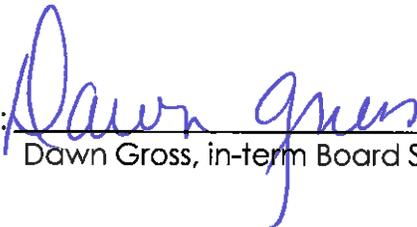
Chairman DeRoss asked for further discussion or comments. There being none, Mrs. Pittenger **moved for adjournment**, seconded by Mr. Blake and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED:



Thomas DeRoss, Board Chairman

ATTEST:



Dawn Gross, in-term Board Secretary