

December 14, 2016

Chairman Thomas DeRoss called the meeting of the Tipp City Tree Board to order on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. Other Board Members in attendance included Joanna Pittenger. Members absent: Adam Blake. Also in attendance were Tipp City Arborist Anthony Freels, Board Secretary Dawn Gross and Board Secretary Jennica Whitt.

Citizens present: Milton Eichman.

Minutes

Chairman DeRoss asked for discussion. One change to be made located on page 2, first paragraph, "...states that the request for removal is due to the tree being an Ash Borer," needs to read "... states that the request for removal is due to the tree being an Ash." Ms. Pittenger **moved to approve the December 14, 2016 meeting minutes as written with the above changes.** Seconded by Mr. DeRoss and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.**

Items Not on the Agenda

- Mr. DeRoss will provide an update on the presentation to council regarding budget request.

New Business

Tree Planting/Removal Requests

The Board discussed and concurred on the following requests:

- 5 N Tippecanoe Dr. – Removal by City
 - The original application, by the resident Paul Archer, for a removal request states that the tree is dead. Mr. DeRoss confirmed this information with Mrs. Pittenger. Mr. DeRoss also urged the Streets Department to remove any Ash trees as their availability allows; without the need to wait for a residents request. **Mr. DeRoss moved to approve the removal of the tree, Mrs. Pittenger seconded, and unanimously approved. Motion carried.**
- 424 W. Plum St – Removal by City
 - The original application, by the resident Barbara Stafford, states that the request for removal is due to the tree is dying and has bugs. Mr. DeRoss states that the bottom of the tree looked stressed and that it appears the middle of the tree has been removed. Mr. Freels agreed that the tree is ready to be removed. Mrs. Pittenger also agreed to removal. **Mr. DeRoss moved to approve the removal of the tree. Mrs. Pittenger seconded and unanimously approved. Motion carried.**
- 147 Kiser Dr. – Planting by City

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- o Resident, Mo Eichman stated that approximately 20 + years ago a tree existed in the curb lawn and would like to have a replacement tree planted. Mr. DeRoss stated that he did agree that a tree needed to be placed in the requested spot, but that budget restraints might inhibit the plantation for next fall. Highlighting recent projects requiring the removal of many Ash trees (leaving some streets without any trees) would need to have priority over the planting of one tree. These Mrs. Pittenger agreed. Mr. Eichman expressed his understanding. **Mr. DeRoss motioned to have the request placed on the Planting Tree List for fall of 2017, as long as the budget could accommodate it. Mrs. Pittenger seconded, and unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

25A Reconstruction Tree Planting

No new information at this time.

Old Business**Ash Tree Removal Update by Anthony Freels**

No further Ash trees have been removed at this time. Mr. Freels stated that as long as the weather is allowing them to be off road, they will be completing all of those jobs before completing curb lawn projects.

Miscellaneous**Tree Academy Report**

Mr. Blake not present to report.

Fall Tree Planting

All tree planting has been completed for 2016.

Items Not on the Agenda

Mr. DeRoss provided the following update regarding the presentation of budget request to the City Council: An informational guide discussing the importance of the city investing in trees was provided, as well as, Mr. DeRoss answered many questions from council. He stated he felt that the council was surprised to the number of trees that have been removed and the delay in replanting. Lescher Park Woods was not included in the numbers provided. Mr. DeRoss noted reporters present at the meeting and that an article was published in the Dayton Daily News. Details of the article included the request for a "...\$15,000.00 budget increase to help replenish the city's trees following the losses from the Emerald Ash Borer."

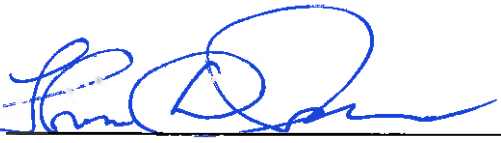
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At tonight's meeting, Mr. DeRoss asked if an outcome regarding the budget request had been decided by the City Council. Mrs. Pittenger stated that the total budget for the city had been approved at the last council meeting. Dawn Gross did confirm that the budget was approved, but details concerning each department's budget request had not been released yet. Jennica Whitt stated that she would find out the status and inform the board as soon as possible.

Adjournment

Chairman DeRoss asked for further discussion or comments. There being none, **Mr. DeRoss moved for adjournment, seconded by Ms. Pittenger and unanimously approved. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED: _____



Thomas DeRoss, Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____



Jennica Whitt, Board Secretary