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Chairman Thomas DeRoss called the meeting of the Tipp City Tree Board to order on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. Other Board Members in attendance included Karen Jackson. Also in attendance were Tipp City Arborist Anthony Freels, Tipp City Superintendent of Municipal Services Tony Hunt, Deputy Director of Municipal Services Eric Mack, and Board Secretary Jennica Whitt. Excused Absence: Adam Blake.

Minutes

Mr. DeRoss moved to approve the April 5, 2017 meeting minutes as presented and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

New Business

Tree Planting/Removal Requests

- Mr. DeRoss stated that he foresaw an increase in tree planting requests. After discussion with Tony Hunt and Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Jackson moved to approve the protocol of having a tree planting plan with priority given to residents approved tree planting requests over general planting. Mr. DeRoss seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The Board discussed and concurred on the following requests:

- 424 W Plum St. – Planting of Curb Lawn Tree by the City and another by Owner.
 - The original application, by the resident Barbara Stafford, for plantings of curb lawn trees request states that one tree was removed March 2017 and would like to have replaced. It also states that the owner would like to plant another curb lawn tree, replacing a tree that was removed back in 2011 by the City. **Mr. DeRoss moved to approve planting of the tree by the City and one by the Owner. Unanimously approved. Motion moved.**
- 8 N. Tippecanoe –Planting of Two Curb Lawn Trees by the City
 - The original application, by the resident, Stephen Stocker states that the request for planting of two trees in the curb lawn is to replace two trees previously removed by the City. **Mr. DeRoss moved to approve planting of two trees by the City. Unanimously approved. Motion moved.**
- 140 Hartman Ave- Planting of Curb Lawn Tree by the City
 - The original application, by the resident, Matt Fisher, states that the request for planting a curb lawn tree is to replace a tree he was removing. Mr. Hunt clarified that the tree being removed was a tree originally within the resident's front lawn and not in the curb lawn. Mrs. Jackson stated upon her observation of the yard, she spoke with Mr. Fisher and confirmed that he was aware that a replacement tree would be planted in the curb lawn and not in his front yard.

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- Mr. DeRoss moved to approve planting of the tree by the City. Unanimously approved. Motion moved.**
- o 19 Amokee Pl. – The original application, by the resident, Sarah and Luke Kinninger, states that the request for planting of a curb lawn tree by the City is to have a tree in front of the house. They are requesting the species: Linden, Greenspire. **Mr. DeRoss moved to approve planting of the tree by the City. Unanimously approved. Motion moved.**
 - o 235 N Third St. - Removal of Curb Lawn Tree by the City.
 - o The original application, by the resident Karen Collinsworth, states that the request for removal of a curb lawn tree is due to the tree dying. The application was submitted after the acceptance of requests due date. The resident submitted pictures of the tree in question for the board to review and Tony Hunt was able to examine the tree prior to the meeting. **Mr. DeRoss moved to approve removal of the tree by the City. Unanimously approved. Motion moved.**

2017 Annual Plan

- Review of the 2017 Annual Plan occurred. **Mr. DeRoss moved to add the following to the plan: Develop and utilize a tree planting plan with priority given to residents approved tree planting requests over general planting, as well as, approve the rest of the plan as presented. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Other Business**Ordinance Changes Update**

- Mr. Eric Mack stated that changes to the Ordinance No. 8-17 has been accepted and approved by the City Council. Changes to the Ordinance can be obtained at the Government Center. Mr. DeRoss requested information regarding the Council's comments regarding the Ordinance changes. Mrs. Jackson noted that on page one of the Ordinance No. 8-17 it states, "Whereas, by adding or revising language to further clarify and regulate when a tree is removed and to allow a property owner the ability to opt out of replacing a tree in the public right-of-way...". She would like to see this corrected to read, "Whereas, by adding or revising language to further clarify and regulate when a tree is removed and to allow a property owner the **ability to request to opt out of replacing** a tree in the public right-of-way...". Mr. Mack advised that he would make sure the City Manager and City Council was notified of this suggestion. Mr. Mack also stated that minutes and recordings of the Council meeting would be provided for the Tree Advisory Board to review.

Tree Removal and Planting Update

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- ~~Electric~~ Tree Replacement- No new updates at this time.
- Fall Planting- No new updates at this time.
- Ash Tree Removal Update- No removals at this time. Focusing on the Woodlawn area. Trees are causing burning of wires.

TMCS Requested Presenter for Tree Pruning Summer Session

- Jennica Whitt stated the session did occur as scheduled on June 10, 2017 and 6 residents attended the session.

Citizen Comments -Items Not On the Agenda


- No citizens present.


Comments of Tree Advisory Members

- Mr. DeRoss requested that the City Council be informed that the cost of planting of trees by the City has increased in price from \$250.00 to \$450.00 per tree.
- Mrs. Jackson questioned about the Daisy Scouts planting trees in the park after she saw an article in the paper. She wondered if the City had been contacted or involved with this project. Mr. Hunt stated that unfortunately the City was never notified this year. It is his understanding that the group has possibly planted trees in the past, but no information/contact was given to the City for this planting. Unfortunately, some of the trees have already died. Mr. Hunt stated that he is going to try and contact the group to encourage the group to coordinate further planting projects with the City and/or Tree Advisory Board.
- The Tree City USA Awards Ceremony was April 21, 2017 in the City of Lebanon. Mr. DeRoss presented literature he obtained from the ceremony illustrating a self-guided tour of notable trees in Lebanon.

Adjournment

Chairman DeRoss asked for further discussion or comments. There being none, **Mr. DeRoss moved for adjournment, seconded by Mrs. Jackson and unanimously approved. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED: 
Thomas DeRoss, Board Chairman

ATTEST: 
~~Jennica Whitt, Board Secretary~~
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