



Minutes of the
URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023

Members Present: Bob Brantsch, John Berg, Andy Boateng, Jeff Napieralski, Mike Rauh, Laura Root, Jeff Saltzman

Staff Present: Sue Mottl, Arborist and Jill A. Janson, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Brantsch called the meeting of the Urban Forestry Commission to order at 3:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Ms. Janson called the roll.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

VISITOR RECOGNITION – No Visitors were present for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Rauh made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2023 meeting. MOTION PASSED

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2023 Community Management Plan Update – Ms. Mottl provided an update to the Community Management Plan.
- 2023 Free Mulch Loading – The dates of April 15 and May 6 were announced by Ms. Mottl.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Bakers Glen Tree Planting – Ms. Janson reported that forty (40) letters were sent to residents who were eligible to have a tree planted resulting in about twenty (20) residents requesting a tree. The remaining residents either did not respond or opted-out of receiving a tree. Funds in the Tree Trust will be used to purchase trees, watering bags, deer guards and pay a contractor to plant the trees this fall. Ms. Mottl reported that she will contact homeowners later this spring to discuss the varieties of trees and exact planting locations at each property.
- Tree Fest 2023 – Ms. Mottl said the Parks & Recreation Department prepared a flyer on the Tree Fest (shared a draft of the flyer) and confirmed the time of 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28, 2023. Six (6) time slots will be offered every 20 minutes. After discussion, it was agreed that the event would be a drive-thru with distribution of tote bags with informational flyers, tree cookies and magnets, two (2) educational displays of proper/improper tree planting and mulching, and handing out the seedlings. Ms. Mottl will order one hundred and twenty (120) American Hornbeam seedlings to hand out and four (4) additional seedlings for the educational displays. Ms. Janson will prepare and print proper planting/mulching flyers and include link(s) to Davey Tree Resource's videos and a QR code. After a suggestion was made to purchase galvanized pans for use in the displays, Ms. Mottl said she will look into ordering the pans from Lowe's and have a bolt driven up through the bottom center of the pan in order to adhere the seedlings to stabilize them.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Tree City USA, Cambridge, Ohio – Mr. Brantsch presented information that he recently received on the Tree City event this year in Cambridge, Ohio on April 26th. Due to the distance, no members would be attending; with the exception of Ms. Mottl.
- Earth Fest/Connect with Nature – Ms. Mottl reported that the Parks & Recreation Department was sponsoring an event in conjunction with the Stow-Munroe Falls Library on April 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Adel Durbin Park. She will be attending to answer visitor's questions. This is a free event for anyone in the Community.

STOW SENTRY NEWS ARTICLES –

A discussion was held regarding alternate media sources to use in publishing our monthly articles since March ends the publication of the Stow Sentry. Several members suggested using the City's monthly newsletter and a fairly new local social media news source called the "Spotlight" by Tom Hardesty. Ms. Janson said she would investigate these sources and report back next month.

March: Proper Mulching – Sue Mottl
April: Tree Festival/Arbor Day – Staff

NEXT MEETING: April 10, 2023

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Bob Brantsch, Chairman

Jill Janson, Secretary