

**BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY**  
**TREE COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2012**

Chairperson Larry Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Kathy Brandt, Thad Jones and Erika Zeranski. Council Representative Bill Cornman was absent due to vacation. Also in attendance were Borough Arborist Jim Edson and Borough Administrative Assistant Patty Flaherty.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Kathy Brandt, seconded by Larry Rice, the Minutes of the September 10, 2012 Tree Commission Meeting were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Larry Rice referred to a letter from the Quaker Valley School District, dated 9/21/12, indicating that the School District is making changes to their original landscaping plan on Harbaugh Street. He suggested that the Borough send a notification to the School District indicating that changes should not be made without a review by the Tree Commission. Thad Jones suggested the School District plant trees of a native species. Jim Edson indicated that the School District is planning on using trees that would satisfy the Middle School neighborhood residents. Kathy Brandt stated she attended a Quaker Valley School Board Meeting and it was indicated at the meeting that trees were being moved.

The Tree Commission indicated they would like Borough Manager Kevin Flannery to write a letter to the Sewickley Car Store with a request to confirm their landscaping plan.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Borough Arborist Jim Edson reviewed the Arborist's Report, recommending the removal of 2 Maples and the pruning of 1 Linden at 301 Grant Street, and excavating the tree lawn to remove remnants of stumps at 306 Grant Street.

Borough Arborist recommended the approval of the resident request to remove a Sassafras at the left front of the property at 73 Thorn Street, with the requirement of replanting with 1 medium sized tree.

Mr. Edson presented the 2012 Fall Planting List, with 25 trees planned for this year's fall planting.

Mr. Edson indicated that several young Sugar Maples are presenting symptoms of circling roots and that each tree that was planted within the last 10 to 15 years should have a root collar excavation and surgery to remove girdling roots. He recommended addressing the problem now on Grove Street.

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Mr. Edson indicated that an Oak at 248 Ohio River Blvd. needs to be treated for iron chlorosis sometime between November and March.

Mr. Edson concluded his Arborist Report.

The Tree Commission discussed that a tree needed to be removed at the Brittany-Normandy and that a replacement tree would be planted in the spring.

Thad Jones indicated that he would like to start a preservation depository to preserve 50 to 100 white ash trees due to the loss of most white ash trees do to the Emerald Ash Borer. The Tree Commission discussed several locations where the trees could be planted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Larry Rice, seconded by Kathy Brandt, the Tree Commission Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Flaherty  
Acting Secretary