

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
TREE COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

Chairperson Larry Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Erika Zeranski and Council Representative Bill Cornman. Kathy Brandt and Thad Jones were absent due to vacations. Also in attendance were Bob Jagger of the Village of Sweetwater, Borough Arborist Jim Edson, and Borough Manager Kevin M. Flannery.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Erika Zeranski, seconded by Larry Rice, the Minutes of the June 11, 2012 Tree Commission Meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

The Tree Commission reviewed the tree removal pictures for the Peebles Street Tree Removal Project and letter from contractor agreeing to payment for the damage to the street.

In addition, Mr. Bob Jagger of the Village of Sweetwater was in attendance and proposed that the Village of Sweetwater would participate in the replanting of the trees and the grass area. It was agreed that the Village of Sweetwater would replace all the grass sod between the sidewalk and curb and leave a four foot by four foot opening for the planting of six Princeton elms. The cost for the grass sod will be picked up by the Village at Sweetwater and they would also donate a \$1,000 towards the cost of the six trees, estimated at \$1,800. The Tree Commission was in agreement to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Arborist Jim Edson reviewed the Arborist's Report, recommending the following:

- Removal of 2 Maples at 301 Grant Street
- Removal of the Ash Tree at 875 Thorn Street
- Removal of Hawthorn at 63 Thorn Street, relocation of the front walk and the replanting of a tree, all at home owners expense
- Removal of 2 trees at 73 Thorn Street
- Removal of 2 Ashes at 417 Thorn Street conditioned on the submission of a landscaping plan for the entire project
- Removal of diseased Dogwood at 630 Nevin Avenue with replanting
- Removal of Honeylocust at 133 Centennial Avenue with replanting

On motion of Erika Zeranski, seconded by Larry Rice, the Tree Commission approved the Borough Arborist's Report.

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The Tree Commission was also in agreement to recommend the pruning of the tree at 706 Centennial Avenue and the redirecting of the sidewalk under the Borough's program.

The Tree Commission was also in agreement that the request from Sewickley Condos does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Tree Commission and a letter shall be sent by the Borough Manager indicating that this is a private property matter between two property owners.

The Tree Commission unanimously approved the 2013 Meeting Schedule.

The Tree Commission unanimously approved the 2013 Budget requests.

Borough Arborist stated that he did meet with PENNDOT and they will be removing the first large tree as you would turn right on the Ohio River Boulevard from Walnut Street. This is necessary because the tree is interfering with the location of the guardrail.

The Tree Commission discussed the Nevin Avenue Tree Replanting Plan in which 3 inch caliber trees will be planted. The side without the wires will receive swamp white oaks, Jefferson Elms and Red Maples. The side with the wires will receive Amber Maple, Hawthorne and Tree Lilacs.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ericka Zeranski, seconded by Larry Rice, the Tree Commission Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Flannery
Acting Secretary