

**BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
TREE COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012**

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

REORGANIZATION

On motion of Kelsey Rhea, seconded by Erica Zeranski, the Tree Commission voted, 4-0, to elect Larry Rice as Chairperson.

On motion of Erica Zeranski, seconded by Thad Jones, the Tree Commission voted, 4-0, to elect Kathy Brandt as Vice Chairperson.

No one wanted to be nominated for Secretary and the Chair asked the Borough Manager to take the minutes for the meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Thad Jones, seconded by Kelsey Rhea, the Tree Commission Minutes of the November 14, 2011 Tree Committee Meeting were approved, as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commission reviewed the list of donors to the Tree Commission since 2006.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Arborist Jim Edson reviewed the Arborist's Report indicating tree removals at 4 Grey Lane and 312 Frederick Avenue and pruning at 713 Centennial Avenue, 202 Henry Avenue, Nevin and Cochran as well as numerous pruning at Park Place.

Mr. Edson stated that a structural evaluation was completed of the London Planetree at 808 Nevin Avenue. The report recommends removal due to extensive decay.

The Tree Commission reviewed the proposed 2012 Tree Pruning List and the 2012 Tree Removal List. On motion of Kelsey Rhea, seconded by Thad Jones, the Tree Commission voted, 4-0, to accept and approve the Borough Arborist's report.

The Tree Commission reviewed three memorial plaques received in December.

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The Tree Commission reviewed letter from G. Whitney Charitable Foundation with a check in the amount of \$1,000.

The Tree Commission reviewed the updated 2012 Tree Commission brochure. Chairperson Rice asked if all comments can be forwarded to the Borough Manager by Friday.

Borough Manger reviewed the updated website. Thad Jones stated that the tree Commission might want to provide an update and alert regarding emerald ash bore, oak wilt and beech bark issues that are affecting trees in the Sewickley area. It was suggested that maybe an infomercial can be developed for the website and PEG channels.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Kelsey Rhea, seconded by Thad Jones, the Tree Commission Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Flannery
Acting Secretary