BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
TREE COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2013

Chairperson Larry Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Bill Cornman, Cindy Mullins and Michelle Denk. Also in attendance were Borough Arborist Jim Edson, and Borough Manager Kevin M. Flannery.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Cindy Mullins, seconded by Larry Rice, the Tree Commission Minutes of the September 9, 2013 were approved, 3-0, as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Borough Manager advised the Tree Commission that the 2014 Borough of Sewickley meeting scheduled was approved and two laminated copies have been provided to all members.

Chairperson Larry Rice removed the tabled matter of the Smith Request for 739 Beaver Street. Mr. Smith was in attendance and provided a quote from a certified arborist that the tree in the front yard is not healthy and needs to be removed. Mr. Smith stated further that he was willing to replant a tree, as suggested by the Tree Commission, for the approval to remove the two trees. He does not want any further liability. On motion of Michelle Denk, seconded by Larry Rice, the Tree Commission voted, 3-0, to approve the removal of the trees, contingent on the planting of a tree by May 1, 2014, at a mutually agreed upon location on the property, as determined by Mr. Smith and the Borough Arborist.

NEW BUSINESS

The Borough Arborist, Jim Edson, reviewed the Arborist's Report highlighting tree work on Beaver, Henry, Graham and Centennial. Mr. Edson advised that Columbia Gas did replant at 344 Bank Street with a Bald Cypress. The trees at 320 Bank Street and 324 Henry Avenue will be monitored over the next several months. Overall, the Columbia Gas Project has gone very smoothly.

The Borough Arborist submitted the Fall Planting schedule for about 25 trees in the Business District and Bank Street, Frederick Avenue and Henry Avenue.

Mr. Edson indicated that he is working on the tree removal list for bidding in late fall or early winter.

Mr. Edson stated that there are several Pin Oaks on Ohio River Boulevard that will be pruned during the fall and winter months.

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On motion of Cindy Mullins, seconded by Larry Rice, the Tree Commission voted, 3-0, to approve the Borough Arborist's Report.

There were reported dead trees for removal at Centennial Avenue at Grimes Street and on Graham Street, past the Middle School entrance.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Cindy Mullins, seconded by Michelle Denk, the Tree Commission Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Flannery
Acting Secretary