

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
TREE COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013

Chairperson Larry Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Kathy Brandt and Thad Jones. Also in attendance were Council Representative Bill Cornman, Borough Arborist Jim Edson, and Borough Manager Kevin M. Flannery. Cindy Mullins was absent for personal reasons.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Kathy Brandt, seconded by Larry Rice, the Tree Commission Minutes of the March 11, 2013 were approved, as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Borough Arborist Jim Edson reported that Adler Tree Service of Gibsonia, PA has completed Contract No. 2013-TC-001 Tree Pruning Project and Carl's Tree Service and Landscaping of West Mifflin, PA has completed Contract No. 2013-TC-002 Tree Removal Project.

The Tree Commission reviewed the 2013 Spring Planting List with letters to the property owners. Borough Manager advised that a call was received from Ms. Cain at 636 Ohio River Boulevard requesting a Tulip Poplar not be planted because she fears it is a dirty tree with branches that may fall more often. Borough Arborist suggested planting a Bur Oak and the Tree Commission was in agreement.

Borough Arborist reported that the Quaker Valley School District did plant trees in accordance with their approved plan.

Borough Manager advised that the Sewickley Car Store has not provided a date of completion for the planting of trees.

NEW BUSINESS

The Borough Arborist, Jim Edson, reviewed the Arborist's Report highlighting general tree work and stated that the Duquesne Light tree trimming project was mostly completed. Mr. Edson plans to develop a future tree removal list.

Mr. Edson stated that most of the trees have been ordered for the 33 site locations for the 2013 Spring Planting list. The annual Tree Planting day will be Saturday, April 27, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until completed. PA One Call locations will be submitted this week.

Mr. Edson reviewed pictures of the London Plane trees at Orr's Jewelers that were pollarded, so that they can be maintained at a size that will survive in the 4 x 4 planting pits.

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On motion of Kathy Brandt, seconded by Thad Jones, the Tree Commission voted, 3-0, to accept and approve the Borough Arborist's report.

Thad Jones and Jim Edson are scheduled to shoot an informational video, on April 27, for the Borough of Sewickley website and the PEG channels (Comcast 765 and Verizon 38) regarding oak wilt, ash bore disease, hemlock woollyadelgid, and beech bark.

On motion of Kathy Brandt, seconded by Larry Rice, the Tree Commission meeting for May 13, 2013 is cancelled subject to the call of the chairperson. The vote was 3-0. The Tree Commission will be doing tree planting on April 27 and the May Mart on May 11.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Kathy Brandt, seconded by Larry Rice, the Tree Commission Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Flannery
Acting Secretary