

**BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY  
TREE COMMISSION MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Erica Zeranski, seconded by Kathy Brandt, the Tree Commission Minutes of the January 14, 2013 were approved, as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Borough Arborist, Jim Edson, reviewed the Pruning and Removal Lists for 2013 and stated that bids were delayed because he met with Bruce Woods of Duquesne Light regarding their vegetation management project to provide 4 years of clearance of their lines. This project will be in Sewickley, Edgeworth, Glen Osborne, Aleppo and Sewickley Heights. After reviewing the project areas we are proceeding with our bids.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Borough Arborist, Jim Edson, reviewed the Arborist's Report highlighting emergency removal of a wind fallen oak at 201 Grant Street from the Ohio River Boulevard right of way.

Mr. Edson recommended 25 site locations for the 2013 Spring Planting list. The annual Tree Planting day will be Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 9 am until completed. Members were asked to submit additional locations for the March 11 Tree Commission meeting in order that the notifications letters can be provided to the property owners and the PA One Call locations can be submitted.

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

With regard to the Duquesne Light vegetation management work, it was suggested that a Press Release be prepared to better inform the public.

Thad Jones and Jim Edson were in agreement to prepare an informational video for the Borough of Sewickley website and the PEG channels ( Comcast 765 and Verizon 38 ) regarding oak wilt, ash bore disease, hemlock disease, beech bark and the Asian longhorn beetle. The informational video will be shot on March 4, 2013.

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The Borough Manager advised that he and Jim Edson will be taking a walk through over the next several weeks to make sure the Middle School tree plantings are in agreement with the approved plan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Thad Jones, seconded by Erica Zeranski, the Tree Commission Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Flannery  
Acting Secretary