

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
TREE COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Kathy Brandt, seconded by Larry Rice, the Tree Commission Minutes of the February 13, 2013 were approved, as presented. Chairperson Larry Rice welcomed new member Cynthia Mullins to the Tree Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

The Tree Commission reviewed the Bids for the 2013 Tree Removal Project and Tree Pruning Project. On motion of Cynthia Mullins, seconded by Kathy Brandt, the Tree Commission voted, 3-0, to recommend the approval of Adler Tree Service of Gibsonia, PA for Contract No. 2013-TC-001 Tree Pruning Project in the amount of \$14,400 and to recommend Carl's Tree Service and Landscaping of West Mifflin, PA for Contract No. 2013-TC-002 Tree Removal Project in the amount of \$16,800.

NEW BUSINESS

The Borough Arborist, Jim Edson, reviewed the Arborist's Report highlighting general tree work and provided an update on the Duquesne Light tree trimming project.

Mr. Edson recommended 33 site locations for the 2013 Spring Planting list. The annual Tree Planting day will be Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 9 am until completed. Notifications letters can be provided to the property owners and the PA One Call locations can be submitted.

Mr. Edson also recommended that the London Plane trees at Orr's Jewelers be pollarded so that can be maintained at a size that will survive in the 4 x 4 planting pits.

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

Thad Jones and Jim Edson will 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 April 27, 2013.

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The Borough Manager advised that 2013 Sprint Tree Planting will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2013 beginning at 9 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Kathy Brandt, seconded by Cynthia Mullins, the Tree Commission Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Flannery
Acting Secretary