

**BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
TREE COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014**

Larry Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Kathy Brandt, Lori Cirilano, Michelle Denk, and Cindy Mullins. Borough Arborist Jim Edson was absent due to illness. Also in attendance were Council Representative Bill Cornman and Borough Manager Kevin M. Flannery.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Kathy Brandt, seconded by Larry Rice, the Tree Commission Minutes of the November 11, 2013 Meeting were approved, 3-0-2, with Cindy Mullins and Lori Cirilano abstaining because they were not in attendance at the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with established procedures, officers are elected in the even years. On motion of Larry Rice, seconded by Cindy Mullins, Kathy Brandt was elected Chairperson by a vote of 5-0.

On motion of Cindy Mullins, seconded by Michelle Denk, Larry Rice was elected Vice-Chairperson by a vote of 5-0.

On motion of Larry Rice, seconded by Cindy Mullins, Lori Cirilano was elected Secretary by a vote of 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

The Tree Commission reviewed the monthly Activity Sheet highlighting the items to be completed by property owners on tree requests.

NEW BUSINESS

The Tree Commission reviewed the Borough Arborist's Report, highlighting pruning and tree removals. On motion of Larry Rice, seconded by Cindy Mullins, the Tree Commission voted, 5-0, to accept the recommendations for work to be done as stated on the attached Borough Arborist's Report. The approval holds for further explanation on the requests for 741 and 745 Ohio River Boulevard and 349 Walnut Avenue from Mr. Edson in an email to the Tree Commission.

Borough Manager reviewed with the Tree Commission, the volunteer work done by Bartlett Tree Service on Christmas Eve to the trees at Walnut Landing. Mr. Edson and his firm did this as a community gift to the Borough. Borough Manager stated he will present to Council and request a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Edson and Bartlett Tree Services.

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Borough Manager also presented request from the Trowel and Error Garden Club. They are planning to submit a grant request to the Sewickley Civic Garden Council for a new and larger gazebo at Wolcott Park. Current width is about 8' the proposed width would be 14'. Tree Commission was in favor of the request.

Borough Manager advised the Tree Commission that Christmas trees are being collected and will be chipped and recycled; the chips will be placed near the railroad tracks and municipal park fences to help control weeds and poison ivy. It appears the acidity of the trees hamper the growth of weeds.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Larry Rice, seconded by Michelle Denk, the Tree Commission adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Flannery
Acting Secretary