BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
TREE COMMISSION MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2014

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Cindy Mullins, seconded by Larry Rice, the Tree Commission Minutes of the March 10, 2014 were approved, as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Borough Arborist Jim Edson reported that Adler Tree Service of Gibsonia, PA has completed Contract No. 2014-TC-001 Tree Pruning Project and Carl's Tree Service and Landscaping of West Mifflin, PA has completed Contract No. 2014-TC-002 Tree Removal Project.

The Tree Commission reviewed the Recommendation Activity Sheet, noting that item 5, removal and replanting, has been completed by Giovanni Macchione at 610 Thorn Street, where two new trees were planted April 10, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

Arborist Report: Borough Arborist Jim Edson presented his Arborist's Report.

There was an emergent removal of a Yellowwood at 345 Walnut Street because it was hit by a truck and started to fall.

Spring Planting: The Tree Commission reviewed the 2014 Spring Planting List with letters to the property owners. The Borough has not received any notices of opposition from property owners. A total of 43 trees have been ordered for 31 site locations for the 2014 Spring Planting. The annual Tree Planting day will be Saturday, April 26, 2014, from 8:45 a.m. until completed (usually about 2 ½ hours.) Volunteers are welcome and Borough Manager submitted information to the local schools about volunteer opportunities. Holes will be dug at each tree location before the volunteers begin.

Ferry Street residents may request trees to be planted on their property in conjunction with the roadwork ongoing this spring. Two residents have requested plantings so far.

Resident requests for tree removal permits at 529 Pine Road and 819 Centennial Road locations were reviewed and approved by the Tree Commission; however, replanting of trees at these locations is required.

The Tree Commission concurred that the large dead Ash at 709 Washington Street needs to be removed by the resident as it poses a threat of significant damage to neighbor property owners.

Approval was granted for resident requests for action on trees at 780 Ohio River Blvd. and 325 Ferry Street. On motion of Larry Rice, seconded by Michelle Denk, the Tree Commission voted, 5-0, to accept and approve the Borough Arborist's report.

May Mart: The Tree Commission will host a booth at May Mart on May 10, 2014 form 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The Booth will be manned by Larry Rice and Cindy Mullins from nine 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and by Michelle Denk and Kevin Flannery from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., while other Tree Commission representatives will check in to help as needed. Jim Edson has donated seedlings to hand out.

On motion of Kathy Brandt, seconded by Larry Rice, the Tree Commission meeting for May 2014 is cancelled subject to the call of the chairperson. The vote was 5-0. The Tree Commission will be doing tree planting on April 26 and the May Mart on May 11.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Larry Rice, seconded by Kathy Brandt, the Tree Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cirilano
Secretary