

**BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
TREE COMMISSION MINUTES
Monday, February 10, 2013**

Chairperson Kathy Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Members in attendance were Kathy Brandt, Lori Cirilano, Bill Cornman and Larry Rice. Cindy Mullins and Michelle Denk were absent. Also in attendance were Borough Arborist Jim Edison, Jr. and Borough Manager Kevin M. Flannery.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On Motion of Larry Rice, seconded by Lori Cirilano, the Minutes of the January 13, 2014 Tree Commission Meeting were approved, 4-0, with Cindy Mullins and Michelle Denk not present for the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Care in Sewickley: Bids for pruning and removal are due February 25, 2014.

Sewickley Borough Arborist Jim Edison, Jr., ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, reviewed the Arborist's Report of February 10, 2010, which is hereby incorporated into these minutes. On motion of Larry Rice, seconded by Lori Cirilano, the Tree Commission voted 4-0 to accept the recommendations for work to be done as stated on the Borough Arborist's Report.

The Arborist's Report includes tree care that involves fertilization and insecticide of 32 trees planted in Spring 2013. This includes root and soil injection to suppress aggression of borers and beetles as well as annual fertilization to promote growth and improve appearance of trees and shrubs planted in 2013.

The Arborist's Report includes general tree work at the site of the new playground on Chadwick Street and removal of a tree for sidewalk repair at 705 Thorn Street.

The treatment and fertilization of trees at specific locations throughout Sewickley are detailed on the Arborist's Report. These site locations include the Borough Building, Broad Street 400 Block, Ohio River Blvd., Park Place, Riverfront Park, Sewage Treatment Plant, Thorn Street, Walnut Street 400 Block, Walnut Street Parklet, and Wolcott Park.

Borough Arborist Jim Edison also reviewed the Arborist's Report in relation to the plans for Spring 2014 plantings. He asks that we all look around our neighborhood and assess whether trees need to be removed and possibly

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replaced, and where new trees may be planted. The Arborist's goal is to plant 25 to 30 trees each season.

On motion of Larry Rice, seconded by Kathy Brandt, the Tree Commission voted 4-0 to approve the Borough Arborist's Report.

The Tree Commission's annual Spring Planting event is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2014, which is traditionally scheduled as the last Saturday after Arbor day (Arbor Day falls on the last Friday of April). All volunteers are asked to meet at the Public Works garage by 9 a.m.

There was a loss of two trees newly planted on Locust Street due to an automobile incident wherein the operator plowed down the young plantings on the corner of Centennial onto Locust. The culprit has not been identified. These trees will need to be replaced.

Ferry street sidewalk replacement is scheduled for Spring 2014. The Borough is offering to plant trees on personally owned property at the owner's request and the Borough's agreement. Recommendations and requests from owners for tree plantings are welcome.

The Borough of Sewickley will hold an informational meeting regarding the Ferry Street 2014 Road Project on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Council Chambers. Residents of Ferry Street and bordering streets are invited. A Public Notice to residents will be mailed this week.

Jim Cornman inquired whether hard packed gravel would be appropriate for sidewalk treatment (as opposed to concrete) around tree plantings, as this is how the sidewalks with trees are treated in North Carolina. This treatment may reduce future maintenance costs.

ADJORNMENT

On motion of Larry rice, seconded by Lori Cirilano, the Tree Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cirilano
Secretary