

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
TREE COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014

Chairperson Kathy Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Cindy Mullens, Larry Rice, Lori Capone Cirilano, and Michelle Denk. Also in attendance were Councilman Bill Cornman and Borough Manager Kevin M. Flannery. Borough Arborist Jim Edson was absent due to work related travel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Cindy Mullens seconded by Michelle Denk, the Minutes of the October 13, 2014 Tree Commission Meeting were approved, 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Sewickley Borough planted a Jefferson Elm tree and the memorial plaque at War Memorial Park in honor of "Owen," a QV Middle School student, on November 8. Borough Manager Kevin Flannery reviewed the process of obtaining a Memorial Tree in Sewickley.

Kevin Flannery reviewed the Activity Sheet dated November 7, noting that most items have been completed and the Presbyterian Church will be invited to present its approved Landscape Plan at a future Tree Commission Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Tree Commission reviewed the Arborist's Report and the Fall Planting List.

The Arborist's Report addresses general tree work at Centennial Avenue to facilitate the water company project, as well as requests for Tree Removal Permits at 302 and 701 Beaver Street, and pruning work at 743 Maple Lane.

Concern was raised about unpermitted tree pruning activity within the Borough. Kevin Flannery requests Tree Commission Members and residents to report to the Borough any activity of limb removal; as such activity requires a permit issued by the Borough.

The Fall Planting List includes 21 trees. All sites are marked and one-calls are completed. Fall Planting is scheduled for November 22. Tree Commission members and Borough residents are invited.

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On motion of Cindy Mullens, seconded by Larry Rice, the Tree Commission voted, 5-0, to approve the Borough Arborist's Report and the Fall Planting List.

The Ferry Street Project was moved to the Spring Planting Schedule. Via correspondence of Oct. 20, 2014 from Lori Capone Cirilano to Jim Edson, the work to date was summarize, wherein the Borough Arborist and Lori walked Ferry Street to identify each property that could receive a tree. And later Kathy Brandt and Lori met with each resident to discuss the trees and obtain their preliminary approval. Two landlords whose properties are ideally suitable for a tree still need to be contacted.

On motion of Michele Denk, seconded by Larry Rice, the Commission confirmed the Ferry Street Tree Project for Spring Planting and authorizing The Borough Arborist to contact each resident to address the species of tree appropriate to each site, obtain the resident's final approval and physically mark the placement of trees.

Plantings for the median on Broad Street was addressed. Kevin Flannery reported that rose bushes and trees have suffered due to the intense heat and traffic conditions. Larry Rice recommended the Gleditsia Triacanthos var. inermis "Imperial" as an urban tolerant tree. Cindy Mullens recommended an inquiry of the "Knock Out Rose" bush as this bush has done well at a planting site at the Thorn Run Road intersection in Moon Twp.

On motion of Cindy Mullens, seconded by Larry Rice, the Tree Commission voted, 5-0, to cancel the December meeting subject to the call of the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Larry Rice, seconded by Cindy Mullens, the Tree Commission Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Capone Cirilano
Secretary