

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
TREE COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Larry Rice, seconded by Kathy Brandt, the Tree Commission Minutes of the June 8, 2015 meeting were approved 3-0-1, with Michele Denk abstaining as she was not present for the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The Tree Commission Activity Sheet was reviewed and Mr. Rice asked if Item No. 2 on the sheet can be checked.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Arborist Jim Edson presented the September Arborist's Report. Highlights of the Arborist's Report:

General Storm Work following storms on June 18, June 24, July 7, July 9 and July 14 which resulted in 8 tree removals.

Pruning of trees in the 500 Block of Broad Street, 963 Beaver Street and 661 Charette Place.

Removals approved, with replanting, are Sewickley Public Library (2 trees), 231 Chestnut Street, 201 Bank Street and 325 Centennial Avenue.

46 planting sites identified on Centennial Avenue, with 20 trees to be planted by the end of August and the remaining trees to be planted with the Fall Planting.

On motion of Larry Rice, Seconded by Michele Denk, the Tree Commission voted 4-0 to approve the Borough Arborist's Report.

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On motion of Cindy Mullins, seconded by Michele Denk, Tree Commission meeting schedule for 2016 was approved, 4-0.

On motion of Cindy Mullins, seconded by Michele Denk, the proposed 2016 Budget Requests were approved, 4-0, as follows

Tree Trim and Removal	\$65,000
Tree Maintenance	\$12,000
Plantings	\$15,000
Arborist Consultation	\$ 5,000
Advertising	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
	\$100,000

The Tree Commission acknowledges that with the new Shade Tree Commission Ordinance, the proper owners will be responsible for all sidewalks and curbs.

The Tree Commission further recommends to Council that Memorial or Recognition Trees and Plaques be \$300 per tree plus the actual cost of the plaque. Several applications this year have been extremely wordy resulting in a loss to the Borough of the \$500 adopted cost for tree and plaque.

The Tree Commission reviewed the Draft Shade Tree Commission Ordinance as presented by staff. The ordinance has been updated to be in compliance with state law. It includes revised definitions, notice requirements, and new procedures. Tree Commission members indicated that will review and be ready to forward a formal recommendation to Council at the September 14 Tree Commission Meeting. Borough Manager advised the Council would establish a Public Hearing date for adoption. The final proposed ordinance will be made available on the Borough website and at the Sewickley Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Michele Denk, seconded by Cindy Mullins, the Tree Commission Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Flannery
Acting Secretary