

**MINUTES OF THE TREE COMMISSION
OF
THE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
NOVEMBER 9, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting of the Sewickley Borough Tree Commission was held on Monday, November 9, 2015. Chair Kathy Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough of Sewickley Council Chambers.

Those in attendance were Larry Rice and Cindy Mullins. Lori Capone and Michelle Denk were absent due to work. Others in attendance were John Means, Bill Cornman, Council Representative; Donna McMullen, Court Stenographer; Jim Edson, Borough Arborist; and Kevin M. Flannery, Borough Manager.

I. Approval of minutes

On motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mrs. Mullins, the Tree Commission Minutes of October 12, 2015 were approved, 3-0, as presented.

II. Old business

Members reviewed the Tree Commission Activity Sheet indicating that no new items were added and upon completion of the Fall Tree Planting it will be added to sheet.

III. New Business

Arborist's Report

The Borough Arborist, Jim Edson, presented the Arborist's Report, stating that the London Plane trees at Orr's were pollarded to prepare them for the installation of holiday lights. Mr. Edson also presented list for fall/winter tree pruning recommendations and removals.

Mr. John Means was in attendance representing 316 Beaver Street and a request to remove a large Tulip tree in the left front area of the property overhanging the Cole Funeral Home. The recommendation is to approve the removal with the requirement that a noble species of tree (Oak, Beech, Sugar Maple) be replanted and the tree have a 4" caliber diameter. Mr. Means was in agreement.

Mr. Edson also recommended the approval of the Village of Sweetwater home owner's association removal of tree and the replanting of the tree before the end of spring.

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On motion of Cindy Mullins, seconded by Larry Rice, the Tree Commission voted, 3-0, to approve the November 9 Borough Arborist Report.

Public Hearing

Chairperson Kathy Brandt stated that this is the advertised time for a Public Hearing before the Tree Commission to take comments regarding the new proposed Borough of Sewickley Shade Tree Commission ordinance. Donna McMullen, the Court Stenographer administered oaths to all who were testifying.

Borough Manager Kevin M. Flannery stated that this is the advertised time for public comment on proposed Shade Tree Ordinance and no one was providing testimony. Borough Manager introduced into the record the October 29th, 2015 Total Trib Media Proof of Publication, the copy of the proposed Borough of Sewickley Shade Tree Commission ordinance and the October 26, 2015 letter to Attorney Lyons and Mr. Jones.

The Public Hearing was closed. Mr. Rice stated that the three members present constitute a quorum of the Tree Commission. Mrs. Brandt stated that she did receive an email communication from the other two members in support of the proposed ordinance. On motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mrs. Mullins, the Tree Commission voted, 3-0, to forward to Council the proposed Borough of Sewickley Shade Tree Commission Ordinance. Borough Manager advised that the proposed Ordinance, transcript from tonight's meeting and the minutes will be forwarded to Council for a full review by the Solicitor and for placement on the December 15 Committee of the Whole.

Future Meeting

The Tree Commission discussed the possibility of not holding a meeting in December. On motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mrs. Mullins, the Tree Commission voted, 3-0, to cancel the December 12 Tree Commission meeting subject to the call of the Chair if there is business before the Commission.

On motion of Mrs. Mullins, seconded by Mr. Rice, the Tree Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Flannery
Acting Secretary