

**BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY  
TREE COMMISSION  
Monday, March 14, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Larry Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00. Members Kathy Brandt, Thaddeus Jones and Kelsey Rhea were in attendance. Also in attendance were Borough Arborist Jim Edson and Borough Manager Kevin Flannery. Members Mary Lynn McGinn and Council Representative Bill Cornman were absent. Councilman Cornman was stuck at the airport. Chairperson Rice publicly thanked Vice Chair Brandt for running last month's meeting.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Kathy Brandt, seconded by Thaddeus Jones, the Tree Commission minutes of the February 14, 2011, meeting minutes were approved, 4-0.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. American Elm Project Update
  - i. The Post Office is reviewing the Commission's request for placement.
  - ii. Member Jones has been comparing prices and species with the input of Borough Arborist Edson.
  - iii. Member Brandt suggested asking for donations at May Mart.
- b. Chairperson Rice acknowledged Member Jones for the article in the Sewickley Herald, regarding Emerald Ash Borer.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Borough Arborist Report
  - i. The report updated the Commission on the tree work and pruning.
    - 1. The pruning targeting various Elms and Oaks is completed, minus a project at 741 Ohio River Blvd. Other future pruning projects include: a few more Oaks on Chestnut and Thorn Streets, 305 Thorn Street, 302 Beaver Street and 216, 304 and 316 Henry.
    - 2. Trees need to be removed from 315 Chadwick Street, 809 Maple Lane, 604 Pine Road and the Red Maple on Beaver Street near Division Street.
  - ii. The report also communicated 40 sites for Spring planting.
  - iii. The report included a request by the Trowel and Error Garden Club to prune the Kousa Dogwoods at Wolcott Park. Arborist Edson recommended that this pruning be completed.
  - iv. The report also updated the Commission that the pruning of the Centennial Avenue Pears in the 500-600 block is almost entirely completed.
  - v. Miscellaneous recommendations included: Emerald Ash Borer treatments, a soil injection of the Pin Oak at Walnut Street Parklet, treatment for Maganese of the large Sweetgum in Wolcott Park and the pruning of the large Ash at the borough building.

- vi. The Commission received a request to approve trimming to a tree on 333 Beaver Street. Borough Manager Flannery will communicate that applications are only necessary for removal and planting.
  - vii. Pending the Commission's approval, the Borough will begin the process of notifying homeowners where new trees will be planted in the spring.
  - viii. On motion of Kelsey Rhea, seconded by Kathy Brandt, the Spring Planting recommendations were approved, 4-0.
- b. The Commission approved the final, revised draft of the 2011 Tree Commission Brochure.
  - c. Borough Manager Flannery brought to the attention of the Commission the i-Tree Newsletter. The Commission will review the site and assess the value of utilizing some of the software available from i-Tree. The Borough is also open to hiring an intern to work on the tree inventory.
  - d. Secretary Rhea suggested a more formalized process for edits and approval on articles and other communications that represent the views of the Tree Commission.

#### **V. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

#### **VI. ADJORNMENT**

On motion of Kelsey Rhea, seconded by Larry Rice, the Tree Commission adjourned at 7:36 p.m. with a vote of 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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