

## Lancaster Tree Commission Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2017

Conference room at 1507 E Main St., Lancaster, OH 43130

**Attendance:** Mike Tharp  
David Burt  
Ron Harvey  
Justin Vorhees  
Kent Smurr  
Zach Lane  
Amber Thimmes

Meeting called to order by Mike Tharp

### **Guests**

-Diane Wogan Burnside

### **Communications**

-Diane Wogan Burnside addressing issues with trees and the River Valley Highlands Home Owners Association

- Went over some of her letter and response to it
- 1<sup>st</sup> step will be to contact the HOA
- HOA cannot control the city easement
- Between the sidewalk and street easement is under city of Lancaster control
- Also, going to look into other possible city development HOA's
- We will continue to work on this matter

### **Prior Meeting Minutes Review**

-Application has been sent into Tree City USA and Lisa Bowers has approved it  
-Growth award has been applied for with the forester position added  
-Tree order planting has been completed  
-Tree program, received one application and was completed  
-Minutes were accepted

### **Forester Report: Inspections/Projects**

-LDOT work-resurfacing Hunter Trace streets so Justin is pruning trees hanging into the street  
-Utility issues with trees-Justin is pruning trees on major streets to get the canopy off the streets  
-Clean up after storm-calls were taken and completed within about a day

### **Budget**

-Reviewed the budget

### **Pruning/Hangers Removed**

-Justin went over what has been completed

### **Removals**

-747 East 5<sup>th</sup> Ave – Mid Ohio Tree – tree was split  
-Justin went over what has been completed

## Meeting Notes

-Planting of fall tree order completed

-Looking towards the next tree order and planting for March/April

- Need to determine trees to River Valley Highlands

-Tree program, received 4 applications so far for spring planting-more to come from phone calls

-Zach Lane and his appointment to the commission

- Meetings are being changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at 4pm

-Poison Hemlock

- Moving to Storm water because its more relative to them

-Trees at the corner of Main and Memorial

- Justin will be helping to take down these trees

-Utility issues with residents and their trees

- Where do you draw the line?
- Only dead, dying, diseased, and dangerous
- Ask for committee members opinions if concerned

Meeting Adjourned by Mike Tharp

Next Meeting is Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 4pm in the Parks Office conference room.