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
- 1st 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 5th 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 4th 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.