Lancaster Tree Commission Meeting Minutes for February 22, 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

Prior Meeting Minutes Review
-Tree City USA application submitted, waiting on approval
-Who is going to Tree City USA Awards – April 19th at Ohio State
-Storm water is placing 5000.00 in a tree account - $10000.00 is going to be spent this year on trees
*Going under General Fund Tree Comm. Under a separate line item
-Spring order in March – 2nd week in March – try to get Japanese Zelkova in March order
-Truck, 2012 Ford F250 Heavy Duty – IT Dept. has 17000 miles on it
*Proposed that Parks Dept will purchase at $15000 with tree commission paying back $2000 per year for 5 years
*Dave motioned to be voted upon – All were in Favor and None Opposed – Motion was passed!
-Use of cartegraph – still working on getting caught up with all of Justins work
-No contact yet with River Valley Highlands but stump was removed
-Minutes were accepted

Forester Report: Inspections/Projects
-LDOT work on Edgewood, Harrison, Hunter Trace – Justin has completed

Budget
-Reviewed the budget

Pruning/Hangers Removed
- 509 Oakwood
- Alley Park – Down Trees on Trails, etc
- 751 King
- Rising Park – Trees down on mountain (railings)
- 6th Ave
- Disk Golf Alley Park – Made new trails
- Bus route tree on Stemen
- Bus route 2nd Street
- Bus route Mt Pleasant
- Huffer Park tree removal – Box Elder bad hazard, water flow problem
- Miller Park tree removal – Honey Locust removed
- E. Walnut Street Trimmed
Removals
-Cemetery 12 dead tree removals – Forest Rose Cemetery entrance was trimmed up
-Diane Burnside – Stump removal – River Valley Highlands

Meeting Notes
-Trees at the corner of Main and Memorial
-Ron noted 220 N High Street – 3 trees (between Wheeling & Mulberry) need checked
-March 11th – Rising Park Arborist event – open shelter house
-April 22nd planting at the skate park

-Arbor Day Program
  • April 28th
  • When & Where?
  • Ordering seedlings
  • What tree to plant
  • Check testing schedules at the schools
  • Proclamation – Mayor attendance
  • Lanfair/Primrose?

Meeting Adjourned by Mike Tharp
Next Meeting is Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 4pm in the Parks Office conference room.