

TIPP CITY TREE BOARD

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO August 13, 2008

Tree Board Meeting

Chairman Rambeau called this meeting of the Tipp City Tree Board to order at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call

Members in attendance included: William Duff, Joanna Pittenger, and Tim Rambeau.

Also in attendance were Park Superintendent Jim Asher, Electric Tree Crew members John Montgomery and Dave Slife, and Board Secretary Marilyn Fennell. Also present were Lori Roe, Jacob Hoover, and Anthony Brookhart.

Minutes Approval

June 11, 2008

The minutes of the June 11, 2008 meeting were reviewed. They were approved unanimously, 3-0.

Citizens' Comments Not on the Agenda

There were no comments on items not on the agenda

New Business

City Sidewalk Program-
9 trees

Mr. Rambeau stated the first 9 trees were the result of the City's 2008 Sidewalk Program. He asked Mr. Asher and the Board for their opinions. Mr. Asher said it appeared 522-524 S. Third's roots have been cut before, so it is unknown what it will be like under the sidewalk. 317 S. Sixth was questionable as to whether the roots were larger than 3". 27 S. Second St. is another questionable one. He said it appears that the base could be cut at 131 E. Dow, but we won't know until the sidewalk is removed.

Mr. Rambeau said the Linden tree at 421 W. Dow is a very old, viable tree and he would not like to see it removed. He said the walk is lifted and was not sure it was at 1 1/2". Mr. Duff agreed with Mr. Rambeau. They would like to ask the City to move the walk around the tree. Mr. Duff said the rest of the list goes to the 3" rule for removal when walks are done. Mr. Rambeau said they would like the City and the property owner to look at moving the sidewalk around the tree at 421 W. Dow. Mr. Rambeau said the tree at 27 S. Second (Dow St. side) is also a viable tree, possibly a Black Maple and would not like to see it removed.

The Board agreed that 27 S. Second and 421 W. Dow need some consideration by the property owners and the City. The other 7 can be placed on the removal by City list for the sidewalk program. Mr. Asher will need to inspect the roots when the sidewalks are removed.

320 W. Walnut St.

The next tree was at 320 W. Walnut, a Maple. Mr. Rambeau said it is dead tree and should be removed by City. The Board

agreed it was dead and dangerous.

308 W. South St.

308 W. South St., a Maple. Mr. Rambeau said it was in reasonably good health. He did not think it should be removed. If there are problems with the sewer, then the property owner needs to take a further look at that. Mr. Duff said it was pushing the sidewalk but was not a problem yet.

103 S. First St.

103 S. First St., a Sweet Gum, Remove by Owner request. Mr. Rambeau said the sidewalk was definitely lifted and if the owner wishes to remove it, he would approve that. Board members agreed.

403 S. Third St.

403 S. Third St.-Remove by City, a Maple. It appears to be healthy, with sidewalk crumbling, but no lifting. Mr. Duff said if they are going to replace sidewalk, then the 3" rule would apply. There is no need for City to remove. Mrs. Pittenger agreed with those points.

203 N. Third St.

203 N. Third St. (Plum St. side), Maple- Owner asking for advice. Rambeau and Duff said the Maple does have verticillium and it does appear to be dying. They would agree to removal by Owner and if space allows, 2 trees can be planted. A columnar variety would be recommended. Mr. Asher would need to check the spacing.

338 S. Second St.

338 S. Second St., Planting by Owner- Mr. Hoover was present and the Board approved planting. Mr. Hoover was asking for advice on variety. Mr. Asher said the City advises waiting to wait 2 years before planting where one was removed. They talked about placement and Mr. Asher said he would check where the previous tree was located and see what would be best. Mr. Rambeau suggested that there are lots of Maples in the area and Ash trees are not to be planted but there are other varieties that would work well.

214 E. Walnut St.

214 E. Walnut St., Remove by City- The tree is a beautiful Ash and does appear to be lifting the sidewalk but it is at the end of Walnut Street. If the owner is going to replace the sidewalk, then it can be looked at but the Board agreed that it not be removed at this time.

217 S. Second St.

217 S. Second Street, Remove by City- Mr. Duff said the tree is healthy. Mr. Brookhart was present and he was concerned about the first fork in the tree, being so close to the ground. Mr. Duff would agree to removal by owner as it is not dead or dangerous. He realizes the tree is hit by commercial trucks going to the canning business. Mr. Asher said it is an ash and it does have some dead that needs trimmed out. The Board agreed that

	<p>Mr. Brookhart could remove the tree if he so wishes. The City could place the stump on the removal list and the City would plant one at a later date.</p>
236 N. Third St.	<p>236 N. Third St.- Plant 2 trees by Owner- The Board agreed that Ms. Roe could plant two trees. There was discussion regarding a variety of Maple trees, Ginkgos and other trees. She had spoken to Brown's Nursery about a State Street Maple and Crimson King Maple. Mr. Duff said the Crimson King is a short-lived tree and is subject to verticillium. The Board recommended an 1-1/2" to 1-3/4" caliber tree be planted. Due to truck traffic, they recommended a 20-25' wide tree. She said there are still some of the old stumps where trees were removed over a year ago. Mr. Asher said he would meet Ms. Roe on Friday to check placement of new trees. Ms. Roe thought she would plant Ginkgos.</p>
Container trees	<p>No new information on this project.</p>
Markers to identify trees	<p>Several varieties have been seen by Board members. Mr. Asher will check with Cox Arboretum. Some are metal, nails/screws used. Mr. Asher said he had a list identifying a number of the trees by Alan Bunker, former State Arborist. It was suggested that ODNR Forester, Wendi Van Buren could assist in identification.</p>
Big Tree Contest	<p>The deadline for the Big Tree has been extended to August 20. One nomination has been received for the Sugar Maple selection.</p>
Emerald Ash Borer Update	<p>There has been an update received from Wendi Van Buren. The City will need to gather samples and make reports to the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture. There was also information regarding treatments and parasitic wasps. Mr. Montgomery commented he sees signs of borer in the Oak Lea area outside the City. Mr. Asher said we need to observe the City park trees and the curb lawn trees. He said he is doing a visual check in the fall and the spring.</p>
<p>Old Business Revision of Tree Ordinance §97- Approved list of trees</p>	<p>There has been no further action by City Council on this revision. Mrs. Fennell will advise when it is complete so that the brochure can be updated.</p>
<p>Miscellaneous Business Kyle Park Memorial Donations Board Member Comments</p>	<p>Two more trees, totally three for the year have been received. Mr. Asher said he will be ordering stones for those trees.</p> <p>Mr. Rambeau said there seems to be a large open area of no trees on S. Third Street. He asked Mr. Asher to take a look at that when he puts together his Fall Planting list.</p> <p>Mr. Asher commented that the Eisenhower Sycamore that was planted in City Park has snapped off, either by recent storms or vandalism. Mr. Rambeau said it may sprout back out and to watch</p>

it for a while. He said to clean up the broken area and apply some sealant. Mr. Duff agreed with that.

Mr. Rambeau said there are a number of stumps on E. Walnut that need removed.

Mr. Duff said he has a website for native trees. It is a Missouri grower and they have Black Cherry, Black Walnut, etc. There had been some talk of foresting an area in Kyle Park with native trees. They were reasonably priced. Mr. Asher said the area is still being farmed, so there is time to research this matter.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be October 8, 2008 at 5:15pm.

Adjournment

Mr. Rambeau said it was good meeting, nice to have persons in attendance that wanted to plant trees. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by Mr. Rambeau.

APPROVED: _____
Tim Rambeau, Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Marilyn Fennell, Board Secretary