

TIPP CITY TREE BOARD

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO April 8, 2009

Tree Board Meeting

Chairman Rambeau called this meeting of the Tipp City Tree Board to order at 5:17 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Also in attendance were Park Superintendent Jim Asher and Board Secretary Marilyn Fennell.

Minutes Approval

February 11, 2009

Minutes of the February 11, 2009 were reviewed and Mrs. Pittenger **moved to approve the minutes as presented.** Mr. Duff seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Items not on the Agenda

Replacement container trees

Mr. Asher reported that he has 14 container trees to plant on S. Second and S. Third Streets. He is planning on picking them up on Friday this week. He needs further approval from the property owners. There is a good variety, Ivory Silk, Sweet Gum, Zelkova, Pear, and Norwegian Sunset Maple. Mr. Rambeau advised that he be sure to score the roots before planting.

Tree/Sidewalk study shared with Board members

Mr. Duff shared an article he found on using CU-Structural Soil in the Urban Environment. He thought the City might be interested and was willing to do more research on the matter. He had a copy of the information for the Service Director. It appears to be a process to promote the health of trees and save sidewalk. Mr. Rambeau commented he has seen trees starting to push sidewalk up already on the last Broadway project. Mr. Duff thought a 1' layer of material would benefit, rather than the 3' recommended in the study. It may cost more in the start but may save in the long run. The information will be shared with the Service Department.

New Business

Tree Removal request- 893 N. Westedge Drive

Mr. Asher said 893 N. Westedge made a request for removal Monday, 4/6/09. He said the Silver Maple roots have lifted the sidewalk/approach 3-4". Mr. Asher would like the Tree Board members to take a look, call Marilyn Thursday and give their vote. The property owner will be repairing the walk once the tree is removed.

Tree City USA Award Luncheon Reminder

Mrs. Fennell reported there are 4 persons attending the Tree City USA Award Luncheon on April 17 in Hamilton, OH. Mr. Asher, Mr. Duff, Mrs. Pittenger, and Mr. Montgomery. Mr. Asher offered to drive all if they would like. Board members said they would let Mr. Asher know.

New Big Tree Contest
Variety for 2009

A Big Tree Contest variety was chosen after some discussion. This year's tree will be an Ash Tree. More information will be distributed in the media, etc to promote the contest. The kick-off will be during Arbor Week and the deadline close enough for the winner announcement during Mum Festival Week.

Arbor Day 2009

A list of the events planned for Arbor Week was distributed in the Board packets. Mr. Rambeau will provide a live tree for the lobby display and will contact the elementary schools on the best time for his arrival with the seedlings for the First Graders. Invites will go out to all concerned. Mr. Asher has been in contact with a scout troop regarding the planting of the extra Chinkapin Oak seedlings in the Nature Park. If they do not participate, Mr. Asher's employees will do the planting. Mrs. Fennell said Wendi Van Buren will give a seminar after the tree planting in the Government Center with refreshments to be served. The Fifth Graders will be given their ribbons and certificates for the Poster Contest. Board members were encouraged to contribute any other ideas for Arbor Day Week if they have them.

Old Business
E. Main Street
Entrance Sign

Mrs. Pittenger brought information that she had regarding raising funds for a new E. Main Street entrance sign for the City. She has a fund raiser scheduled with Bob Evans Restaurant for June 6 & 7th. Persons presenting a flyer, that will be distributed to the public thru newspapers, etc., will have 15% of their bill contributed to the Tree Board. The flyers will be distributed around May 15. Mr. Asher said he thought the overall cost of revamping the East Main Street sign could be less with in-house work.

**Miscellaneous
Business**

Mr. Rambeau submitted a brief article for the next edition of the Tippecanews to be distributed to the public. Copies will be sent to the Board members and Mrs. Fennell said she would submit it to the City Manager's office.

Mr. Asher reported the Milner Fund money was received and the trees will be planted in Canal Lock Park and three Chinkapin Oaks in City Park. The trees in Canal Lock Park will be planted around the proposed shelter location. They were obtained from Brown's nursery and should be planted next week. Mr. Asher also reported the stump grinder will start this Saturday. There were 3-4 from the last list and some new ones in City locations that will be removed. Mr. Rambeau asked about mulch or fertilizer for newly trees. Mr. Asher reminded him that budget funds were cut and the only fertilizing done was in City Park for the turf and that also spreads to the trees. All leaves in City Park were mulched/ground up and distributed last fall in the park.

Mr. Rambeau reminded Mr. Asher there are some broken

limbs in the elm tree in Hyattsville Park next to the Dairy Queen. Mr. Asher said he had been monitoring the tree and will need the bucket truck brought in to trim it up.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be June 10, 2009 at 5:15pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Duff **moved to adjourn the meeting.** Mr. Rambeau seconded the motion and after a unanimous vote, declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

APPROVED: 
Tim Rambeau, Board Chairman

ATTEST: 
Marilyn Fennell, Board Secretary