

TIPP CITY TREE BOARD

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO April 14, 2010

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: Tim Rambeau and Joanna Pittenger. Thomas DeRoss was absent.

Also in attendance were Park Superintendent Jim Asher, Tree Crew member John Montgomery and Board Secretary Marilyn Fennell. Bill Storck and Betty Storck signed the register.

Absent member excused.

Mr. Rambeau **moved to excuse Mr. DeRoss's absence.** Mrs. Pittenger seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

Minutes Approval
February 22, 2010

Minutes of the February 22, 2010 were reviewed and Mrs. Pittenger **moved to approve the minutes as presented.** Mr. Rambeau seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

Items not on the Agenda

Mr. Rambeau said he has spoken with Scott Snyder regarding the Environmental Club labeling trees in Leshar Woods. A day and time needs to be set. The cost of the aluminum labels should be around \$30 and screws will be needed.

Mr. Rambeau asked about another video regarding planting and raised a question regarding the Arbor Day tree. Mr. Asher said the trees have basically been planted, but he would get with Mr. Werts about a taping. Mrs. Pittenger said she would also discuss it at the next Cable Commission meeting, as she is a member. Mr. Rambeau said he thought both projects would help towards the Growth Award for this year. It was suggested pruning of some of the container trees planted last year, might make a good subject.

New Business
Removal/Planting requests:
Betty Storck, 35 Warner- Remove Maple tree by City

Mrs. Betty Storck, 35 Warner Drive was present to request the removal of a maple tree that has lifted her sidewalk. Mr. Rambeau commented it was a Silver Maple and has some bark removed or peeled off. He said it did appear to be leafing out. Mr. Asher said he has looked at the tree before and Mrs. Storck is planning to have some sidewalk work done and the root system has the walk pushed up. Mr. Rambeau said he had observed that also. Mr. Asher said he was pretty sure the root system is over 3" in diameter. Mrs. Storck said it is also over the water line. Mrs. Storck said whenever the tree is removed; they will be able to do the sidewalk repair. Mrs. Pittenger said she saw the 1 1/2" raise in the sidewalk. Due to the root and sidewalk repair the Board members approved Removal by the City. The stump will be placed

on Mr. Asher's list. Mr. Montgomery said they would be able to work that into the schedule soon. Bill Storck said they want to just lift some of the sidewalk when the stump is ground as that was placed just a few years ago. Mr. Asher said that can be passed onto his grinder person. Mr. Storck thanked the Board for their service. He said he sat on the Park Board for 20 years and he appreciated the time spent by the Board.

Trophy Nut Co, 320
N. Second St.- Plant
6 trees by Owner

Trophy Nut Co, 320 N. Second Street was applying to plant 6 Chanticleer Pear trees in front of their business. There was discussion regarding the Pear trees as they have been declared as an invasive species and not recommended by the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources. Mr. Rambeau said there are more problems if it was not a mowed area. Several varieties were discussed and planting was approved with suggestions of Japanese Tree Lilac or Serviceberry instead of the Pear trees.

Marlen Bourne, 223
S. Sixth St.- Plant by
City

The Board approved the planting by the City but would like to suggest something other than the Pears requested. Again the Japanese Tree Lilac and Serviceberry will be suggested. The Utilities will also be checked.

Helmut Marko, 402
N. Second St.-
Removal of Maple by
City

Mrs. Pittenger commented the tree needs pruned and deadwooded; she saw no sidewalk problems. Mr. Rambeau agreed, along with some thinning. Mr. Asher said it has some hazardous limbs and appears to be in decline. He added that he had been keeping his eye on it as Mr. Marko had applied a couple of years ago. Mr. Montgomery said it needed trimmed. Mr. Rambeau agreed to review the tree in June. Mr. Montgomery was asked to check for snagged limbs.

John Angel, 105 W.
Main St.- Removal of
2 trees and Planting
by City

Mr. Asher said the smaller tree on N. Fourth Street is half-dead and the one on Main Street is not an attractive tree but it is still viable. Mr. Rambeau agreed and said the property owner could remove the smaller tree on Fourth St. The tree on Main Street did not appear to be dead or dying. Mrs. Pittenger agreed on the Fourth St. and the one on Main St. needed pruning.

Charles A. Graham,
131 N. First St.-
Remove Maple by
City

Mr. Rambeau said this tree is an older tree that appears to have been topped at some time. There are some power lines going thru it. Mr. Asher said there is a lot of dead in the middle with some dangerous limbs. Mr. Montgomery commented that the City has trimmed that tree several times due to the power lines. He recommended that it be removed as it will never be able to reach its potential due to the power lines. The Board agreed to have the City remove the tree.

New Projects for
2010

Mr. Rambeau said the video project and the labeling project for Leshar Woods at the beginning of the meeting.

Tree City USA

The Tree City USA awards luncheon is April 23 in Montgomery and Mrs. Pittenger, Mayor Gillis, Mr. Asher, Mr. Montgomery and Mrs. Fennell will be attending. Mr. Rambeau said this is the City's 26th consecutive award.

2010 Arbor Day
Activities- April 30

The schedule was in the packets. Mr. Asher said 10 Redbud trees will be planted near the Milner Grove in Kyle Park. Mr. Rambeau said he would be at Broadway school at 9:15 and Nevin Coppock at 10 to distribute seedlings. Norway Spruce and Ohio Buckeye trees will be distributed to the two elementary schools.

Old Business
E. Main Street
Entrance Sign

Mrs. Pittenger said the City received one check from Bob Evans but not sure if it is the Tree Board's check. There had also been a fund raiser for the EMS. She is trying to sort it out. More fund raising is going to be needed in order to complete this project.

2010 National Arbor
Day Poster Contest

The Mayor presented Ryan Koogler with his \$50 prize from the State Contest-3rd place. Mrs. Hanes, the LT Ball teacher, also received an award.

**Miscellaneous
Business**

There has been one new Memorial Tree purchased for Kyle Park.

**Next Meeting
Date**
June 9, 2010
Adjournment

The next meeting will be June 9, 2010 at 5:15pm. There being no further business, Mrs. Pittenger **moved to adjourn the meeting.** Mr. Rambeau seconded the motion. Mr. Rambeau declared the meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.

APPROVED: _____
Tim Rambeau, Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Marilyn Fennell, Board Secretary