

## TIPP CITY TREE BOARD

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

August 11, 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, Joanna Pittenger, and Thomas DeRoss.

Also in attendance were Park Superintendent Jim Asher, Tree Crew members John Montgomery and David Slife, ODNR Urban Forester Wendi Van Buren, and Board Secretary Marilyn Fennell.

### Minutes Approval June 9, 2010

Minutes of the June 9, 2010 were reviewed and Mr. DeRoss **moved to approve the minutes as presented.** Mrs. Pittenger seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

### Items not on the Agenda

Mr. Asher said the crews would be dead wooding trees in City Park before Mum Festival.

### New Business

Removal/Planting requests:

Tim Rambeau, 324 W. Broadway-  
Removal by City

Mr. Rambeau recused himself from the Board. He informed the Board that the tree is lifting the sidewalk that was replaced several years ago with Broadway street reconstruction project. The sidewalk is being lifted and it seems to be moving 1/4s of inches monthly. He is going to replace the sidewalk and he was requesting that the tree be removed. Mr. Asher asked if he thought the root was 3" or more. Mr. Rambeau said he was pretty sure it was. Mr. DeRoss and Mrs. Pittenger discussed the tree. Mrs. Pittenger moved that the tree be removed and Mr. DeRoss agreed. Mr. Asher advised Mr. Rambeau to call and he will check the root when the sidewalk is out. Mr. Asher also advised that a tree replacement will be done at a later date.

Ellen Cotterman, 230 W. Main St.- Plant 2 trees by Owner

The applicant has already planted the trees and they appear to be Maple trees. Mr. Rambeau said the alkaline soil in the area may not be beneficial to that variety, Red Sunset Maples, but there was space for the trees. Mrs. Van Buren said another problem being seen north of I-70 is "cup-shakes" which is a reverse sun-scald when there are dramatic changes in the winter and it pulls the bark off, almost like claw marks. Mr. Asher was concerned about the heat/weather. Mr. DeRoss asked if the City supervised the planting of curb trees. Mr. Asher said we do not if the Owner is planting, other than checking the spacing. Mr. DeRoss was concerned that in 5 or so years, we might have another problem if it was not planted properly. Mr. Asher said there has not been a problem. The Board approved the planting of two trees.

Robert Dunn, 415  
W. Main St.-  
Removal by City

Mr. Rambeau said the tree is suffering and the other Board members agreed. As time and space allows it will be reviewed for a replacement. There may not be room between the trees that are there. The Board agreed to City removal.

David Rousculp, 405  
W. Main St.-  
Removal by City

The members agreed the Red Oak tree at 405 W. Main was also in decline. Mr. Montgomery said that sometimes when the tree is removed it is found that there is a possible gas leak at the site. Mr. Rambeau said there are leaves on the ground. Mr. Montgomery said it has been in decline for some time. Mr. Asher said he had an Oak tree that suddenly died in City Park last year. Mrs. Van Buren said that bacterial leaf scorch is another problem. The Board agreed to City removal.

Dale Brown, 16 Clark  
Cir.- Removal by City

The Board agreed the Green Ash in that area are suffering, but not due to Emerald Ash Borer. There was discussion on the tree that was leaning plus the smaller one near the stop sign that also needs to be removed. Mr. Montgomery agreed with that. The Board agreed to removal of both trees. Mr. DeRoss said there does not appear to be much room for a replacement. Mr. Asher said we do try to replace them but don't have to if there is not room.

There was some discussion as to the future of the ash trees in that area. Mr. Asher said the City should start removing them as they are requested. Mrs. Van Buren said there is a possible program for funds for removal and replacement to be available soon. Mr. Asher said the container tree is a possibility. Mrs. Van Buren said many cities offer a replacement tree through a local supplier and the trees are planted in the yard, at a wholesale price. She said she would supply some information on such projects.

Leonard Francis, 52  
Warner Dr.-  
Removal by City

The Board agreed there is a severe lift problem with the sidewalk. It was the most western tree near the driveway. The Board agreed that when the sidewalk is replaced, then the roots can be inspected and if larger than 3" then it could be removed.

Wendi Van Buren-  
ODNR Tree  
Commission  
Academy  
ODNR SW Oh. Urban  
Forestry Conference

Mrs. Van Buren appreciated the invitation to the meeting. She had some projects to share with the Board. About 30 years ago there were a number of trainings for Tree Board members and it has been brought to their attention that many of those members are no longer serving on Boards. The Tree Commission Academy was created and it has lots of information that Board members need to know. She presented a catalog of the classes. The program is divided into Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior and Senior. The cost is \$35 per each 2-day class. The next session for Freshmen is November 3-4 in Sidney or in Miami Twp in Hamilton County October 15 & 23. The Sophomore class will be held in the

winter months. The Junior and Senior classes would be held the following year. The Mayor may attend for free and if 2 Tree Board members attend, then that is 6 points towards an Arbor Day Growth Award. There is a lot of sharing and each class builds upon the next. Mr. DeRoss asked where the classes were going to be held. Mrs. Van Buren said the Sidney class will be in a new County building in front of the Service building. The Saturday classes will be held in Cleves.

Mrs. Van Buren added that she will be having her SW Ohio Urban Forestry Conference on October 5 from 8:30am to 3:00pm at Cox Arboretum in Dayton. It will be an opportunity for ISA CEUs and ODA Pesticide Applicator Recertification Credits. Lunch is included in the \$18.00 fee.

Mrs. Van Buren asked if there were any other problems or questions that the Board might have. Mr. Rambeau asked her to explain further the grant program she may have for Emerald Ash Borer. Mrs. Van Buren said an Ash Reduction and Canopy Restoration Grant from the U.S. Forest Service should be available soon, most likely spring of 2011. It will most likely be a 50/50 match. The EAB management plan and the ash inventory are both items Tipp City already has so that would help, plus an active Tree Board.

There was some discussion regarding the Longhorned Beetle which is a pest to Maples and other hardwoods. There will be some discussion at her conference in October.

#### Memorial Tree Program

The Board discussed with Mr. Asher his expenses on the Memorial Tree Program. He said that it depends on the variety but the cost is nearing \$200 for the tree planted and \$45-\$50 for the memorial stone. Labor is not included by Mr. Asher's crews which would include watering and putting the stone in. There was discussion about the size of trees. Mr. Asher said the 2" trees seem to survive better especially in the parks. He recommended the cost be \$250. Mr. DeRoss thought that was a reasonable increase. Mr. DeRoss moved to raise the fee from \$200 to \$250 effective January 1, 2011. Mrs. Pittenger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Fennell said she would submit that to Mr. Vagedes.

#### **Old Business** E. Main Street Entrance Sign

Mrs. Pittenger said she spoke to Tipp City Rotary President Mark Mabelitini regarding a donation and he was going to present it to the Club. She received \$89.00 from Bob Evans Restaurant for the December fundraiser.

#### **Miscellaneous Business**

Mr. Asher said he has 10 trees on his fall planting list and he has not applied yet to the Milner Tree Fund. Mr. Rambeau said

Fall tree plantings

that Fund is more for Park trees and Mr. Asher said that was correct. Stump removal list will be finalized for fall removal. Mr. Rambeau asked about some trees that need to be replaced on Donn Davis Way. Mr. Asher said there have been a number of replacements and we are beyond our time on those.

Mr. Asher said he had two more trees for removal, 435 S. First St. and 308 South Street, both trees are dead. Mr. Rambeau added the small crab apple tree on N. First at the Eagles Parking Lot.

Mr. Asher left at this time. (6:05pm)

Mr. DeRoss asked when the Budget talks begin for monies for trees for next year. Mrs. Fennell thought Mr. Asher and Mr. Vagedes were having budget talks at this time and Council will be looking at the budget in October. Mr. DeRoss was concerned about the City's budget and how that will affect what problems the Tree Board can address. The ash tree removal may be a real concern within the next 2-5 years. Mr. Rambeau agreed.

The next meeting will be October 13, 2010 at 5:15pm.

There being no further business, Mrs. Pittenger **moved to adjourn the meeting.** Mr. DeRoss seconded the motion. Mr. Rambeau declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

**Next Meeting  
Date**  
October 13, 2010

**Adjournment**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Rambeau, Board Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Fennell, Board Secretary