

Chagrin Falls Shade Tree Commission

Minutes for February Meeting

January 31, 2018

Present: Brockway, Lipp, McGuire, Nelson G, Rounds, Tomko, Weitzel, Wells, Wyville

8:30 a.m. Meeting called to order

1. Adopted mission statement: Use science-based actions to maximize and maintain a vigorous urban canopy in public spaces in order to increase the economic vitality of the business district and enhance the quality of residential life in Chagrin Falls.
2. Reported that Gary, Terry, and Chad pruned 73 trees in January. The trees were those planted three years ago, trees on Falls Walkway, and trees in Senlac.
3. Terry reported that he will have a planting design for the entranceway to Greenbrier ready for the consideration of the residents by the end of March.
4. The preparation of planting sites with a "soil recipe" to improve soil quality was discussed.
 - a. If possible, it was decided to try to incorporate using the "recipe" on Kenton Road when trees are planted this spring.
5. Guidelines and pricing for the spring 2018 planting by Busy Bee Services, LTD were discussed and approved.
 - a. This year the Village will "water-in" all newly planted trees within one week of planting.
6. Terry will begin communication with the Lake County Nursery regarding species types for the 2019 spring planting.
7. Tree ordinance review will continue at next month's meeting.
8. The Commission agreed to pursue participation in the Arbor Day Foundation's Community Canopy Program.
 - a. Residents can request "free or very low cost" trees in three to five gallon containers for planting on their private property.
 - b. Trees are provided by the Arbor Day Foundation.
 - c. Residents will have access to a software program which will assist them in determining the most appropriate species for each chosen planting site. The program will also show the economic and health benefits of each newly planted tree.
 - d. Terry will arrange a date for a webinar during which Commission members will learn more about this program.
9. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2018.

9:50 a.m. Meeting adjourned.