

Chagrin Falls Shade Tree Commission

Minutes for February 28, 2023

Present: Brockway, Jamieson, McGuire, Nelson G, Nelson M, Rounds, Weitzel

8:30 Meeting called to order

1. 52 trees were ordered for planting in the spring. According to an email received after the meeting was adjourned, we may schedule a time for our trees to be shipped beginning with the week of March 13.
2. The entire street department staff attended a chain saw safety class.
3. Two members of the street department attended a young tree training class (pruning).
4. 306 trees were pruned by members of the street department staff.
 - a. Mike and Terry will prune trees planted within the last two years.
5. A Tree Commission Academy class will be held in Euclid on May 23 and 24.
6. Two Chagrin High School students will do their senior project with the Shade Tree Commission.
 - a. Initial plans call for the students to study soil quality in Senlac and create a soil map of the area.
 - b. Sections of Senlac determined to have poor soil characteristics will be amended with compost.
 - c. This plan is still being created and is subject to change.
7. ODNR sent an email stating that at some point in the near future grants will be made available for all urban forestry programs. The grants should focus on establishing or enhancing sustainable urban forestry programs. Areas being considered by the commission for a grant are:
 - a. Proactive replacement of tall trees growing into overhead electric wires with appropriate low-growing species.
 - b. Creating a soil map for the entire village.
 - c. Completing the village tree inventory.
8. It was decided to inspect and to possibly remove languishing pear trees in Senlac.
9. It was decided to schedule the next commission meeting for the fourth Tuesday in April.
10. 9:30 meeting adjourned.