

Chagrin Falls Shade Tree Commission

Minutes for April 27, 2023

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

8:30 Meeting called to order

1. 54 trees were planted by Hemlock Landscaping Company
2. The commission will be hosting two high school seniors for their senior project from May 8 to May 16. The commission will provide the students with an experience that includes all facets of the urban forestry industry. Project components include:
 - a. Lessons taught by Terry on proper tree planting, tree maintenance, planting site and tree selection, psychological, physiological, and economic impact of trees on a community.
 - b. Conduct and map urban site indices for planting sites throughout the village. (an urban site index measures the quality of a planting site)
 - c. Tour Lake County Nursery and receive instruction on all facets of its operation.
 - d. Tour Holden Arboretum and receive instruction from various staff members.
 - e. Shadow Chad Clink of Bartlett Tree Experts for a day
 - f. Host Matt Leiden, ODNR urban forester for northeast Ohio, for a day.
3. Terry and John will suggest to Parks and Recreation Committee that area around large sycamore tree in Riverside Park be air knifed prior to Blossom Time.
4. Discussed importance of establishing a protected root zone around trees near or within construction sites. A protected root zone is an area determined by multiplying a tree's diameter at breast height (4.5 ft.) times 1.5 and drawing a circle with that radius around the tree.
5. Recommended that Arbor Day activities be conducted when new trees are planted this year in Evergreen Cemetery.
6. Next meeting scheduled for June 1, 2023.
7. 9:45 meeting adjourned.

