

Chagrin Falls Shade Tree Commission

Minutes for June 13, 2023

Present: Lipp, Nelson G, Rounds

8:30 Meeting called to order

1. Viewed powerpoint presentation written by Chagrin Falls High School students Erin Hartzle and Ryan Hill about the senior project they completed with the Shade Tree Commission.
 - a. Terry stated that Matt Leiden, the ODNR urban forester for northeast Ohio, is interested in participating in a senior project next year.
 - b. Terry displayed and explained an urban site index map of the Village created by Erin and Ryan. The map will serve as a guide when trees are selected for planting in future years.
2. Viewed a powerpoint presentation written by Sophie Hill and Isabel Nerpouni, two rising Chagrin Falls High School students, on their proposal to create an app for use by the commission.
 - a. Terry stated that the app will be completed in many short stages. Each stage will contain one task that can be completed with only one or two clicks by a commission member.
 - b. The first stage will allow commission members to create and maintain a planting list for the upcoming year.
 - c. A future stage will allow commission members to record issues raised by residents, the commission's response to each issue, and progress towards resolution of the resident's concern or request.
 - d. Terry and Bobby will meet with Ms. Nagano, a Chagrin Falls High School teacher, to discuss the progress on the creation of this app on July 18.
3. Terry reported that Matt Leiden will investigate requirements for internships with the EPA, USDA, and the division of forestry. It may be possible for the commission to assist interested students in meeting some of these requirements during a senior project.
 - a. Matt provided information on the gathering of yearly tree growth measurements that could provide useful information and serve as the basis for future senior projects.
4. The next meeting will be held in September.
5. 9:20 meeting adjourned.