



# MINUTES

## Shade Tree Commission

Chagrin Falls Village Hall | 21 West Washington Street | 440-247-5050

Friday

February 26, 2021

10:00 AM

### PRESENT

Brockway, DeBernardo, Lipp, McGuire, Nelson, Rounds

### 10:00 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

1. The Commission discussed a request for input from the Parks Commission concerning a potential tree art installation in Riverside Park.
  - a. Terry read an email from Alan Siewert, the ODNR Urban Forester for northeast Ohio, sent in reply to Terry's request for an expert opinion on dangers to overall tree health potentially caused by the proposed tree art installation.
  - b. Terry read an email from Chad Clink, a certified arborist for Bartlett Tree Experts regarding the tree art installation.
  - c. Both experts agreed that it was unlikely for the tree art installation to cause damage to the health of the tree. Alan mentioned the potential danger of nails and wire.
2. Agreeing with the expert advice, the Commission members present voted unanimously to forward our opinion on the potential damage of the proposed tree art installation to the Parks Commission. The contents of that communication are contained below:

The Shade Tree Commission met on Friday, February 26, 2021, to discuss your request for input concerning a potential tree art installation in Riverside Park. In preparation for our meeting, we requested scientifically-based advice from the ODNR urban forester for northeast Ohio and from a certified arborist. The representative from ODNR recommended that nails NOT be used in the installation. Therefore, it is our unanimous recommendation that should you decide to approve this installation, you stipulate that no nails may be used and that some sort of protective padding be placed between any wire that is used and any tree bark with which it may come in contact. Additionally, we recommend that we inspect the tree prior to the installation and after the removal of the installation. It is our understanding that the installation will be removed after five days.

### 10:10 MEETING ADJOURNED