

Chagrin Falls Shade Tree Commission
Minutes for August 11, 2021, Meeting

Present: Jamieson, Lipp, McGuire, Rounds, Weitzel

8:30 Meeting called to order

1. Resident on South Franklin stated that acorns from an oak tree on his tree lawn present a danger. The resident stated that the oak tree is very healthy but he would like to see it removed and another tree planted in its place.
 - a. Terry informed the resident that healthy trees are seldom removed. Trees that are removed are those which are failing; a yearly hazardous tree inspection is sub-contracted to a Tree Risk Assessment Qualified person. Terry stated that he would discuss this matter with several certified arborists but doubted they would recommend removal of the tree.
2. Bartlett Tree Experts will be asked to continue adding trees to the Village Tree Inventory maintained on the software program, Arborscope. Once all mature trees are accurately described and in the program, Village employees or Shade Tree Commission members will be able to maintain the site.
3. Bartlett Tree Experts will be contracted to perform a Tree Risk Assessment for all Village trees.
4. The Shade Tree Commission will create and maintain a Tree Removal Report and a New Tree Site Planting Report on Arborscope once instruction has been received from Bartlett Tree Experts.
5. The planting list for spring, 2022 was disseminated. Terry reported that due to a shortage of trees, it was extremely important that the list be finalized and an order for trees be placed within the next few weeks.
6. Angie reported that residents were concerned about the appearance of the Vincent Street Arboretum.
 - a. Commission members agreed that the appearance of the Arboretum needed improvement.
 - b. It was suggested that the addition of a walking trail extending from the Arboretum and continuing along the Chagrin River to Spillway would create an area that should be viewed as a passive park. As such, several Commission members felt that planning for the design and use of the area would fall under the purview of the Parks Commission. It was noted that the Shade Tree Commission would assist in the implementation of any tree-related activities suggested by the Parks Commission.
 - c. Via email, Rob reported on a meeting he had with the mayor regarding the Vincent Street Arboretum.

- i. Several weeks ago the mayor invited Roger Gettig, the former Chief Naturalist of Holden Arboretum to tour the Arboretum and to suggest potential future action
 1. Roger felt that only species which could survive in very wet conditions be planted in the Arboretum.
 2. He also suggested specific actions which could be taken to revitalize the Arboretum's meadow.
 3. The mayor will attend the next meeting of the Shade Tree Commission to provide further details on actions taken to improve the appearance of the Arboretum.
7. It was decided to hold the next Shade Tree Commission meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. at the Vincent Street Arboretum.
8. 9:00 Meeting adjourned