

## Chagrin Falls Shade Tree Commission

Minutes for May 10, 2022

Present: Brockway, Lipp, McGuire, Nelson, Rockey, Rounds, Weitzel

8:30 Meeting called to order

1. Chagrin Falls ordinance 544.12 Trees Permitted to be Planted on Municipal Property was reviewed.
  - a. It was decided that a list of permitted trees is no longer necessary nor advisable and to change ordinance 544.12 to read that all trees planted on municipal property must be approved by the Shade Tree Commission.
  - b. It was decided to include wording to the effect that no tree on the State of Ohio's Invasive Species List be planted.
  - c. Andrew will contact the Village law director to determine appropriate language for the change to this ordinance.
  - d. Part b of the current ordinance contains requirements concerning the planting of trees in new developments. It was recommended that wording to this section of the ordinance be changed to require the developer to pay for the Village to plant trees in new developments. The new wording will give the Shade Tree Commission and the Village control over the species of tree, selection of the exact tree to be planted, size of the tree to be planted, and ensure that proper planting techniques are used. None of these factors are currently controlled by the Village.
2. Stu and Gary volunteered to assist with plug planting along the Ben King Arboretum Trail. This should occur soon after May 15.
3. John provided a planting list for the spring of 2023. To date, five sites are on the list. Terry will post the list on Arborscope.
4. Mike discussed the possibility of planting a tree near the corner of May Court and Village Circle. John will investigate this site with Mike.
5. Terry discussed the possibility of proactively removing tall trees from beneath wires. He will meet with representatives from CEI to further discuss this issue.
6. Terry reported that the Parks Commission is in favor of holding Arbor Day activities at the Ben Kin Arboretum once all new plantings and trail improvements have been completed.
7. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.
8. 9:19 Meeting adjourned.