

TREE COMMISSION

March 25, 2024

The March 25, 2024 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by John Walker, Acting Chairman. Tree Commission members present were Nate Treadway and John Walker. Judi Lambrite was absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the January 22, 2024 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

It was noted that the City's Arbor Day Program will be held on Friday, April 26, 2024 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Duck Pond Park with an oak tree to be planted as part of this year's program. A dedication in memory of Mrs. Sara Lou Binau, previous Tree Commission member, will also be observed as part of the program.

Contact information for the Gery Foundation grant funding provided through the Wyandot County Community Foundation was discussed as Mrs. Sara Lou Binau worked with the WCCF and was able to secure grant funding from the Gery Foundation on behalf of the Tree Commission. Mr. Niederkohr will inquire as to who the contact will be in the future.

The Tree City USA Awards Program, hosted by the City of Defiance, will be held at the Eagles FOE #372 on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Registration for the event is due by Monday, April 1, 2024. Mayor McColly and Mr. Walker indicated that they will be attending, and Mr. Treadway will check his schedule to determine if he can attend.

Mr. Walker inquired with Mr. Niederkohr about the possibility of trees being planted along the south side of East Wyandot Avenue, east of Walmart, 1855 East Wyandot Avenue. Mr. Niederkohr will look at the area.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that the homeowner at 327 Second Street contacted two contractors to obtain quotes for the removal of a large maple tree located in the City right-of-way that is leaning towards their home and visibly rotting. One of the contractors suggested the homeowner contact the City regarding this tree. Mr. Niederkohr contacted Bill Sowers Tree Service and he is currently waiting on a quote from Bill Sowers for the removal of this tree.

Mr. Niederkohr also reported that Ag-Pro Company, 1385 East Wyandot Avenue, will soon be addressing the planting of eight trees adjacent to their property, as previously reported at the January 22, 2024 Tree Commission meeting.

Mr. Niederkohr further reported that Parks Department employees recently removed a multi-stem tree which was rotten at the base and located along Indian Mill Drive near the intersection of Greenbrier Road, with assistance from Bill Sowers Tree Service, who were also working in the area, and who took down the top of the tree at no charge to the City.

Due to a lack of quorum, the Acting Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

John Walker, Acting Chairman