

TREE COMMISSION

June 24, 2024

The June 24, 2024 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers by John Walker, Acting Chairman. Tree Commission members present were Chari Alesch and John Walker. Judi Lambrite and Nate Treadway were absent.

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

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

Mr. Niederkohr reported that all tree work quoted by Bill Sowers Tree Service has been completed.

Mr. Niederkohr also reported that there have been many compliments received for the memorial ceremony held as part of the Arbor Day Program at Duck Pond Park on Friday, April 26, 2024 in memory of Mrs. Sara Lou Binau and her work as a member of the Tree Commission.

The possibility of using a microphone/speaker system for future Arbor Day Programs was discussed so that participants in the programs can be heard.

Mr. Niederkohr reported on the following tree work that has been completed:

- On April 12, 2024 a large maple tree located at 218 North Fourth Street was removed by Bill Sowers Tree Service due to two major splits, one split was down the center of the tree and the second was at the base of a limb hanging over the road. The cost of this removal was \$2,250.00.
- The high branches of an oak tree located at 5501 Brookview Lane were pruned by Bill Sowers Tree Service as some of the limbs were dead. The cost of this work was \$700.00.
- A large tree located at 327 Second Street that leaning towards the residence and found to be in deteriorating condition was removed by Bill Sowers Tree Service. The cost of this removal was \$3,100.00.
- A tall maple located at 315 North Fifth Street that was leaning over the residence and found to be in deteriorating condition was removed by Bill Sowers Tree Service. The cost of this removal was \$3,400.00. A second street tree at this property, also in deteriorating condition, was removed over the winter months by the Parks Department.
- A tree located along County Highway 50, near Greenbrier Road, was found to have a dying limb that was hanging over the roadway. Bill Sowers Tree Service was working in the area at the time and they removed the branches high in the tree and the Parks Department finished the removal of this tree. Bill Sowers Tree Service ground the stump of the tree at a cost of \$100.00.

Mr. Niederkohr reported on the following tree work to be looked at:

- A tree located at 427 North Seventh Street has reportedly been losing limbs and has bark falling off at the base of the tree.
- Three maple trees are located in the narrow tree lawn at 217 Summit Street and one of the trees has a hole in a limb and water has been observed passing through this hole.
- A stump needs to be removed from a tree lawn on South Seventh Street.
- A stump needs to be removed from from the tree lawn in the 200 block of North Fourth Street.

Ms. Alesch inquired about the possibility of obtaining grant funding for the purchase of a large or medium stump grinder for the City. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that he will look into this matter.

Mr. Niederkohr noted that a street tree in the downtown area located near Domino’s Pizza, 128 East Wyandot Avenue, was lost recently with the base of this tree being 6” to 8”. This tree will be replaced in the future.

It was noted that Ag-Pro Company, 1385 East Wyandot Avenue, has addressed the planting of six to eight trees adjacent to their property, as previously discussed at prior Tree Commission meetings.

Mayor McColly complimented Mr. Niederkohr and the Parks Department employees for the great job they are doing.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

John Walker, Acting Chairman