

TREE COMMISSION

August 26, 2024

The August 26, 2024 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. Tree Commission members present were Chari Alesch, Judi Lambrite, Jason Lemire, and John Walker. Nate Treadway was absent.

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

At this time the election of a Chairperson was held.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lambrite, seconded by Mr. Walker, to nominate Ms. Alesch as Chairperson of the Tree Commission. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The motion unanimously passed.

The minutes of the June 24, 2024 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Mr. Niederkohr shared information for upcoming tree work as follows:

- Quotes were received from Bill Sowers Tree Service & Nursery for the following tree work:
 - o \$1,500.00 for the removal of the maple tree and stump located at 427 North Seventh Street as there is rot in the main trunk and the tree has been losing bark.
 - o \$150.00 to trim the tree located to the south of the maple located at 427 North Seventh Street, as previously mentioned.
 - o \$300.00 for the removal of deadwood from the large maple tree located at 355 West Johnson Street. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that deadwood is removed from this tree annually and the property owner has requested the removal of this tree, but Mr. Sowers inspected the tree and found it to be structurally sound. Mr. Sowers did submit a quote of \$4,200.00 for the removal of this tree and stump. Mr. Niederkohr recommended the removal of the deadwood be addressed this year and this tree be looked at again in the future for possible removal.
 - o \$700.00 for the removal of deadwood from the street side of an elm tree located at 416 South Seventh Street. Mr. Niederkohr stated that the homeowner parks in the driveway under this tree and the tree drops sticks and sewer and sidewalk issues are also being experienced. Mr. Sowers inspected the tree and found it to be structurally sound. Mr. Sowers also submitted a quote of \$4,200.00 for the removal of this tree and stump. Mr. Niederkohr recommended the removal of the deadwood from the street side of this tree.
 - o \$175.00 for the removal of a stump at St. Paul's Church, 118 North Eighth Street.
 - o \$175.00 for the removal of a stump at 324 North Fourth Street.
 - o \$350.00 for the removal of a stump at 505 Parkview Drive on the top of the hillside in the secondary street right-of-way.
- Parks Department employees will be addressing the following trees in need of pruning:
 - o In Bicentennial Park, to the rear of 217 Ash Drive.
 - o Adjacent to Kimmel Cleaners parking lot on North Fifth Street.
 - o In front of the American Legion, 122 North Sandusky Avenue.
 - o On O'Donnell Street.
- Parks Department employees addressed the removal of a street tree located in front of Domino's Pizza, 128 East Wyandot Avenue, as the root system for this tree had rotted and the tree was leaning.
- Parks Department employees will be addressing the removal of the following trees at the following addresses this fall:
 - o 462 South Sandusky Avenue.

- An oak tree in Harrison Smith Park along the west hillside as the tree has partially fallen. Parks Department employees will clean up as much as they possibly can and Sowers Tree Service will be asked to address the remainder of the removal of this tree later this year.
- 120 West Bigelow Street, the base of this tree is rotten.
- A maple tree located at 328 West Walker Street.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that he and Mr. Walker looked at street trees located in front of the Vancrest property on South Marseilles Avenue last month as a request was received from Vancrest representatives for the removal of two trees in order to allow access to construction equipment and who indicated that they are willing to replace the trees. Mr. Niederkohr stated that there are eleven older Bradford Pear trees in the area that are overgrown and located beneath the overhead electric lines. Permission was given for Vancrest representatives to remove all of the trees if they want.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Chari Alesch, Chairperson