

# **TREE COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, September 29, 2010**

**7:00 P.M.**

Chairman Dennis Finke called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Chairman Dennis, Secretary K.C. Cousins, Tom Hurrell, Bruce Scherf and Paul Striker.

A motion was made by Tom Hurrell and seconded by Bruce Scherf to approve the minutes of August 25, 2010. Motion carried. The minutes of the August 25, 2010 meeting were approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Dennis Finke reminded everyone timesheets for this year need to be turned in ASAP.

Dennis announced that he and K.C. Cousins will be attending the Northwest Ohio Forestry Seminar in Holland, Ohio, on Oct 21, 2010. It was agreed that they would be leaving at 7:30 AM.

Tom Hurrell asked about the status of the Kline tree. Superintendent Randy Genzman will be contacted.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Dennis Finke announced that the Tree Commission will be receiving eleven new trees to be planted this fall. Six will be trees for the Village tree lawn and five will be planted in Veterans Park. All eleven trees have designated spots where they will be planted. There are still two Norway Spruces left over from last year which locations need to be found for, such as, in a park, since they can not be planted in the tree lawn. We also need to find a suitable site to plant the Seven Suns tree which we received from the Tree City Awards Conference this spring. Nothing was determined on where to plant them. Dennis Finke said he would contact Mrs. Harder about her Cherry tree that is still being held for her in the park shed yard.

Dennis Finke said Operations Manager Randy Genzman informed him that if the Tree Commission would like to have the Village dig the holes for the new trees, that the last week of October and the first week of November would be a good time. Discussion was held on when the Tree Commission would be getting the trees, so that they would be ready for those dates. Tom Hurrell, Dennis Finke, and KC Cousins expressed the importance that the Commission get the trees soon so that they can have them ready to be planted this fall. There was discussion of the importance of the Tree Commission members going to pick out the trees, as to insure the Village receives healthy and properly shaped specimens.

Dennis Finke handed out a list of the trees damaged and removed after the August 15, 2010, storm. He explained that to comply with the Village's insurance policy requirements, the tree inventory needs to be updated. This led into a discussion on how and when this could be accomplished. KC Cousins stated she had just attended the Junior Class of the Tree Commission Academy on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. As part of the Sophomores' class homework most of Quadrant 4 in the existing inventory was updated, but to bring the Village's inventory up to the what the State is now suggesting, a comprehensive update needs to be completed.

Dennis Finke mentioned that a citizen had requested his trees be trimmed and asked the Tree Commission to look at them. Since there isn't a sidewalk to delineate whether the trees are on private property or Village property, nothing can be done until a final determination of whose property the trees are on. This issue is an example of an ongoing problem in numerous places throughout the Village that a thoroughly updated and comprehensive inventory would help solve.


Fall tree trimming will begin on Oct 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and continue each following Monday and Tuesday until finished. Tom Hurrell suggested the inventory be updated concurrently with the trimming of the trees. After further discussion, it was decided to wait until spring tree trimming so that the required paperwork could be properly prepared.

Paul Striker mentioned the Village is planning to publish a quarterly newsletter and wondered if there was anything that the Tree Commission would want to include in the first issue. Dennis Finke suggested publishing a list of the Tree Commission members and contact numbers. Citizens would know how to contact the Commission if they have any questions or wished to volunteer.

Five large mature Maple trees were cut down on Ottawa Street. Dennis Finke stated it was determined by the utility company that these trees were interfering with the power lines. The power company will be replacing them with Hawthorn trees which will only grow to the maximum of 25 feet tall.

K.C. Cousins will be attending the Northwood Tree Commission Academy Senior Class on November 10<sup>th</sup> and November 19, 2010. Graduation for the Tree Commission Academy will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 2010. Invitations to the event should be arriving shortly.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Tom Hurrell and seconded by Paul Striker that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.



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Chairman Dennis Finke