

The Parkersburg Tree Commission held their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 1:00 p.m., located at the City Park Pavilion with Turner Sharp, Chairman presiding.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Betty Camp (1:09)  
Jerry Edman  
Pamela Lutz  
Mike Reynolds  
Turner Sharp

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Willis Ridenour  
Sauny Williams

**OTHERS:**

Andy Sheetz  
Steve Cox  
Tracy Newberry  
Bob Russell  
Chuck Mason  
Donna Davis

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mike Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting as distributed. Pamela Lutz seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

**Budget Review:**

Donna distributed the ledger sheet and reviewed. Balance is \$4,046.00.

**Tree Memorials:**

Donna stated there are still 102 trees although she has sent a few applications in the mail. Discussed the memorial tree for Mr. Blomberg. Pamela Lutz will contact Judy White to have the location staked so the tree can be ordered.

**Arborist Report:**

Bob Russell stated that they have been removing branches from the White Pines due to the ice storm. Most of the trees were in southside area.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2008 Overview update:** Donna dispersed a revised copy of the overview. She stated this is what will be going to Council.

**2009 Budget:** Turner Sharp stated he met with the Mayor and the Finance Director about requesting \$15,000.00 instead of the regular \$10,000.00.

Donna distributed a spreadsheet of the grants, the amounts, etc. that the Tree Commission had been granted over the years. The amount totaled \$136,660.00.

Mike Reynolds explained the City's budget process to the committee.

**Arbor Day Tree:** Donna stated the Forestry Division will pay \$100.00 towards the 15' blue spruce. That will leave a balance of \$380.00.

Turner asked Jerry Edman who will pay the remainder and Jerry replied that he will get with the Mayor. Discussion on the Commission paying for part of the tree.

Motion: Pamela Lutz made a motion that the Tree Commission contributed half of the balance (\$190.00). Betty Camp seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Mike Reynolds abstaining.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**WVU Student:** Donna stated that Bob Hannah and an intern will be here this Friday (02-13-09) to review our tree inventory and to visit the Cool Community sites.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Betty Camp stated that someone had contacted her about the tree at 13<sup>th</sup> and Market, that they were afraid that the tree could fall. She asked if the City contacts the owners about dangerous trees? Jerry Edman stated that he will take care of this.

Turner stated that there is approximately 30 submissions for the Big Tree Contest this year. Stated the tallest tree is located at the Holliday cemetery. The tree is a Sycamore and is 110 feet.

Turner asked Tracy Newberry about the Park Plan being presented to Council. Stated that at the Johnson T. Janes Park there is a large hole in the ground that was mitigated that he feels is not completed. Stated this is on the Core Road area. Discussion on what project this was mitigated and Jerry told Turner to contact Eric Bennett of the Utility Board.

Andy Sheetz distributed brochures of the Mountaineer Treeway program.

Jerry Edman stated that the City will be needing trees at the Keever Street area of the Policemen's Firing Range and along the skateboard park around First Avenue. Donna will assist with trying to obtain grants for these. Tracy suggested the Sycamore or Silver Maple trees for the firing range area.

Discussion of the wooded area of Keever Street and Jerry stated that part of it is in the City. Turner stated there is debris in this area. Andy suggested that the City contact the Conservation Office and they could install a photo cam and issue citations for dumping and littering.

With no further business to discuss, Mike made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Pamela. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Davis