

The Parkersburg Tree Commission met for their regular meeting at City Park Pavilion, on March 10, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. with Turner Sharp, presiding.

Members present:

Betty Camp
Jerry Edman
Turner Sharp

Members absent:

Pamela Lutz
Mike Reynolds
Willis Ridenour
Sauny Williams

Others:

Chuck Mason
Steve Cox
Donna Davis

With only three members present, a there was not a quorum present.

Budget: Donna reported on the budget. Balance is \$4,011.00.

Tree Memorials: Donna stated there are 103 memorials.

Arborist Report: Jerry Edman reported for Bob Russell that the tree at 13th and Market is on private property. Stated that Don Parker is the owner and Code will send a letter to him about the tree.

Steve Cox reported that they have been cleaning up brush from the storms. Advised they have been pulling up the bushes (yews) from Bi-Centennial Park. Proposing to plant lower growing bushes.

Jerry advised that a new stage and canopy has been ordered for Bi-Centennial Park and hope to have it installed by Arbor Day.

Old Business:

Donna discussed the WVU student that was in town with Bob Hannah. He will be preparing a canopy report and will give the City a copy.

Big Tree Contest: Turner Sharp stated that he has had a lot of submissions this year. The largest so far is a Cottonwood that is in an alley behind the Remax office off of Emerson.

Turner stated he would like to find a tree that is 200 years old for the celebration. That is something that we could be working towards.

Changes to website: Donna asked that if anyone had changes for the web site to let her know.

Arbor Day: Will discuss at next meeting.

Other Business: Steve stated that the trees for the shooting range are being planted. They are using the trees they have in stockpile.

Turner stated that he was at the Johnson T. Janes Preserve and saw a large pile of dirt. Stated that he found this to be in the wetlands and this area in question is part of the mitigation. They are 1/3 way through with the wetland enhancement. Stated he talked with John Lutz about the non-native species of trees being planted. He will check with the consultant on this project.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully,

Donna Davis
Planning Director