

The Parkersburg Tree Commission met for their regular meeting on April 14, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the City Park Conference Room with Pamela Lutz, Vice-Chairman presiding.

Members Present	Members Absent	Others
Betty Camp Jerry Edman Pamela Lutz Mike Reynolds Willis Ridenour Sauny Williams	Turner Sharp	Andy Sheetz Bob Russell Steve Cox Tracy Newberry Ann Conageski Donna Davis

MINUTES: Mike Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2009 and March 10, 2009 meetings as presented. Sauny Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET: Donna presented the budget and reviewed. Balance is \$2,693.00.

MEMORIAL TREES: Donna stated that we have 105 memorial trees now.

CITY ARBORIST REPORT: Bob Russell reported that he checked the tree at 919 Juliana Street and it is dead. The Myers' dogwood is blooming.

Stated that they have been removing trees, cleaning up branches and planted the Blue Spruce (Arbor Day tree) at the City Building. They have planted 6 Shumar Oaks at the new gun range and have room for possibly 4-6 more trees.

Stated that they have removed 1 Sycamore at Point Park. One also was removed by the steel contractor. Ann Conageski advised that the Corp of Engineers did not want the trees removed as they were part of the plan.

Old Business:

Arbor Day: Donna distributed the agenda for Arbor Day. There were no changes made by the Committee. Donna will get the certificates prepared.

Donna stated that we received the Tree City USA & Growth Award for 2008.

Andy Sheetz advised he will not be here for the Arbor Day celebration as he will be in Lewisburg for the Envirothon.

Changes to Web Site: The committee did not have any changes to be made.

John Blomberg Plaque: The committee discussed the plaque and agreed upon having the Friend of Nature on the plaque. Donna will order.

Historic Trees: Donna stated there are 5 historic trees that are available from the list. Discussion concerning the historic tree grove and it was decided to hold the order until the fall planting.

Arbor Day Plaque: Donna stated that we need to order the plaque for the Blue Spruce. Discussion on the plaque. Donna will order.

2008 City Demonstration Grant: Donna stated that the grant is completed with 36 tree removals and has been sent to the State for the reimbursement.

Advised that Asplundh called and possibly will be removing 2 more trees from north end area. Bob Russell stated that 60 + stumps have been removed with the new stump grinder.

New Business:

Tree re-plantings: Donna stated that there are a few trees that have died that need replaced. These were planted with grant monies and we are to maintain and/or replant. A list will be comprised for next month's meeting. Asked the committee if they see any trees that have died to let her know and she will put on the list.

Tree Ordinance: Donna distributed Articles 165 and 905 and asked the Committee to review. Advised that maybe we should look at revising as the two ordinances contradict each other.

Exit interview: Donna stated that Turner had wanted her to discuss her retirement. Stated that she will be leaving August 21<sup>st</sup> and that she was advised by the Mayor that someone will be hired before she leaves to be trained.

Other Business: Willis presented the John Blomberg Arboretum 2008 newsletter. Reported on his visit to Congaree National Park in South Carolina.

Pam passed out Bulletin 9 from the Tree City USA on How to Write a Municipal Tree Ordinance.

Mike Reynolds stated that the trees on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street between Plum and Broad Streets need to be trimmed. The limbs are hitting the tractor trailer that travels that area. It was advised that 23<sup>rd</sup> is not a truck route.

With no further business to discuss, Mike Reynolds made a motion for adjournment. Willis Ridenour seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Davis

