



Tuesday, October 26, 2021 - 5:00 PM  
MINUTES

1 Call to Order

Committee Chair Marvin Block Called the Tree Commission meeting to order for October 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Marvin Block, Andy Bruney, Charlie Campbell, Leah Argyle

Absent: Donald Barnard,

Staff present: Bailey Klimchak, Teresa Monroe

Public present: Steve Stilwell

2 Action on Minutes

a August 24, 2021

**ACTION:** Andy Bruney moved to pass the minutes from the previous meeting; Charlie Campbell seconded and all were in favor.

**AYES:** Andy Bruney, Charlie Campbell, Leah Argyle, Marvin Block

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**Passed 4- 0**

3 1500 Trees - Steve Stilwell

Steve Stilwell came on behalf of a group in Licking County called 1500 Trees. The group started in 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church in Granville with a goal to plant 1500 trees; They have planted around 300 trees to date, mostly in the Granville area because that is where they started and now are branching out to Newark and are working with the Licking Park District, Dennison, Granville Rec and schools. The model has been that people contribute \$150 per tree, a location is chosen and the tree is planted by Albans Tree Service. Trees are generally planted on public property.

Andy Bruney asked if this would contradict or would it work hand in hand with Johnstown's Memorial Tree Fund. Marvin Block asked what caliper the trees would be; Mr. Stilwell said one to two inches. Discussion on how this could work in cooperation with Johnstown's Memorial Tree Fund, costs, procedure etc. People would pay for trees through the memorial tree fund, Johnstown would pick the site, call OUPS to mark utilities then 1500 Trees would bring the tree, auger a hole and plant the tree. Beyond that, Johnstown would be responsible for care. Johnstown would also be listed as a planting site on the 1500 Trees website.

**ACTION:** Mr. Campbell moved to work with 1500 trees; Mr. Bruney seconded and all were in favor.  
**AYES:** Marvin Block, Andy Bruney, Charlie Campbell, Leah Argyle  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**Passed 4 - 0**

4 Arbor Day celebration update

a Mayor's Proclamation

The City of Johnstown Tree Commission donated the funds for the Arbor Day tree planted at Leafy Dell Elementary; the school selected a Swamp White Oak. Students attended the Mayor for planting.

5 Tree City USA 2021

Bailey Klimchak said the Tree City USA application for 2021 is open and is due December 3rd, with the commission's approval she will begin the application for Tree City status.

**ACTION:** Mr. Bruney moved to start the application; Ms. Argyle seconded and all were in favor.  
**AYES:** Marvin Block, Andy Bruney, Charlie Campbell, Leah Argyle  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**Passed 4 - 0**

6 Trailhead Parking Lot Trees

Marvin Block said trees were delivered today; Silk Lilacs to replace the ones that died on Coshocton Street, three Ginkos for Trailhead Park, the Tri-Color Beeches may not be in until spring. Discussion on planting location.

7 Other Business

1. Discussion on meeting schedule for 2022; will continue to meet the last Tuesday of the month. Next meeting February 22, 2022.

2. Mr. Bruney inquired about the tree ordinance and the requirement for developers to replace mature trees cleared; Mr. Block updated that the ordinance was tabled by Council. Commission reviewed the ordinance draft and edits under consideration. Recommendation that the ordinance go back to Planning and Zoning for review and edits then go back to Council.

8 Adjourn

Charlie Campbell moved to adjourn, Andy Bruney seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm