



Park & Rec Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 - 5:00 PM
AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Roll Call
2. Action on Minutes
 - a. February 25, 2020
3. Review Section from new zoning
 - a. Section 33.04 - Street Tree Requirements
4. Tree planting in Village this fall
5. Member Comments / Other Business
6. Adjourn

Johnstown Council
Tree Commission
Minutes of the meeting February 25, 2020 5:00pm

599 S. Main Street
Johnstown, Ohio 43031

Meeting came to order at 5:05 pm; Committee members present: Bruney, Campbell, Argyle, Barnard, Block (arrived after roll)

Staff present: Bailey Klimchak, Teresa Monroe

Public present: None

Village Tree Inventory Dates

Inventory of village street trees and park trees will be taken by separating the village into quadrants. Discussion of the May meeting for inventory as a group, other date considerations were Tuesday May 19th; Wednesday May 20th; Thursday May 21st possibly 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Bailey will contact Lisa to coordinate some dates.

Arbor Day Event Planning

Arbor Day 2020 is April 24th. Committee in planning stages for an Arbor Day Event; discussion on location, commission budget, tree planting and an activity. Event date proposed is April 18th 11-12 pm at the trailhead. Talked about planting three two inch caliper trees behind the rocks placed at the trailhead parking area, varieties discussed were Crimson Maple, Swamp White Oak and Red/Scarlet Oak. Location for planting will be reviewed with service staff; Mr. Block said he would donate one of the trees. Activity discussed is a poster coloring contest for kids, Bailey will create, print and ask for help from the elementary school in distributing materials and getting word out; discussed coloring contest prize and commission will invite the Mayor to attend. Commission would like an Arbor Day proclamation for the April 7th meeting.

Member Comments/Other Business

Topics for next meeting; list of tree species the village should encourage, undesirable trees, tree planting program involving residents, messages on water bills.

Adjournment

At 6:07 pm Mr. Campbell moved for adjournment and Mr. Bruney seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Section 33.04 - Street Tree Requirements

The planting of street trees for new developments shall be subject to the following requirements:

A. Street trees must be planted in the front lawn, between the sidewalk and the structure. Tree lawns shall have a minimum width of nine (9) feet. Deciduous canopy trees shall be planted not less than twenty-four (24) feet and not more than thirty-six (36) feet on center unless otherwise approved by the Village Manager. Street trees shall be located not less than ten (10) feet from fire hydrants, streetlights and/or utility poles, and so that a twenty-five (25) foot sight triangle is maintained at street intersections.

B. Street trees shall be a minimum of two inches (2") caliper (trunk diameter as measured thirty inches (30") above the ground) and shall not be of a species cited in Section 33.05 C below.

C. The Owner/Developer shall be required to maintain all street trees for a period of two (2) years after the tree is planted, and to replace any tree which dies within such two (2) year period.

D. No person shall, as a normal practice, top any tree within the public right-of-way. "Topping: means the severe cutting back of limbs within the crown of the tree to such a degree so as to remove the normal canopy or otherwise disfigure the tree.

E. Street tree limbs extending over the sidewalk shall be subject to trimming so that no portion of same shall be less than seven (7) feet above the sidewalk.

F. The Village or any licensed utility shall have the right to but will not be required to plant, prune, and/or maintain or remove trees within the established right-of-way as may be necessary to ensure public safety, or remove such trees as may be injurious to sewers, electric power lines, gas lines, water lines or other public improvements.

Comment [BK1]: Review wording, trees need to be in yard

Comment [BK2]: Tree commission recommendation

Section 33.05 - Landscape Screening

A. Screening in Particular Districts

The development standards for particular districts require the installation of screen or buffer areas of side or rear yards that are adjacent to districts where residences are permitted uses. When required by the specific district development standards, such screening shall consist of walls, landscaped earthen mounds, fences, natural vegetation or an acceptable combination of these elements. Such areas shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet wide and contain screening at least seven (7) feet in height. The use of year-round vegetation, such as pines or evergreens, is encouraged. Landscaped screening shall have at least seventy-five percent (75%) opacity during full foliage.

B. Screening of Trash Receptacles

The development standards for particular zoning districts require the screening of trash receptacles to effectively screen them from view. In those cases where screening is required, landscaping can be utilized as a supplement to, but not a replacement for, the required fencing. Container systems shall not be located in front yards, and shall conform to applicable side and rear yard setbacks for the respective district. The height of such screening shall be at least six (6) feet in height.

C. Maintenance of Shrubbery and Hedges

In any district, no shrubbery, hedge and/or other vegetation shall be planted, in such a manner that any portion of growth extends beyond the property line. The owner or occupant of property on which there is shrubbery, hedges, trees and/or other vegetation located so as to affect the vision of drivers on adjacent streets shall keep such vegetation trimmed to a maximum of thirty inches (30") in height, and keep trees trimmed so as to avoid covering or obscuring of traffic visibility or traffic control signals.

Section 33.06 - Parking Lot Landscaping

A. Parking Lot Islands

- a. Large, unbroken expanses of parking lot shall be avoided. Large lots should be separated into a series of smaller interconnected lots separated by peninsulas or islands. No individual landscape area shall be smaller than 350 square feet.
- b. For each 100 square feet, or fraction thereof, of parking area, a minimum total of five square feet of landscaped area shall be provided.
- c. Parking areas should contain a minimum of one deciduous canopy tree for every ten parking spaces.
- d. Trees used in parking lot islands shall have a clear trunk of at least five feet above the ground, and the remaining areas shall be landscaped with shrubs, or ground cover, not to exceed two feet in height.

B. Buffering

Parking lots shall be screened from primary streets, residential areas and open space by a 3.5-foot minimum height evergreen hedge or masonry wall, or combination of wall and plantings.

Section 33.07 - Landscape Materials

Landscape materials utilized in meeting requirements of this Article should complement the form of existing trees and plantings, as well as the general design and architecture of the developed area. The type of sun or shade should be considered in selecting plant materials. Artificial plants are prohibited. All landscape materials shall be living plants and shall meet the following requirements:

A. Quality and Type

All plant materials shall conform to the standards of the American Association of Nurserymen and have passed applicable State of Ohio inspections. Added landscape elements shall observe and respect the size, placement, character and type of such materials employed on adjacent and proximate properties.

Comment [BK3]: Is this real?

B. Deciduous Trees

Trees which normally shed their leaves in the fall, shall be species having an average mature crown spread of greater than fifteen (15) feet and having trunks which can be maintained with over five (5) feet of clear wood in areas where visibility is required, except at vehicular use intersections where the clear wood requirement shall be eight (8) feet. A minimum of ten (10) feet overall height, or a minimum caliper (trunk diameter as measured six inches above the ground) of at least two inches (2") immediately after planting shall be required. Trees of undesirable species, as cited in 33.05 C below, are prohibited.

Comment [BK4]: Is this industry standard?

C. Undesirable Species

In meeting the planting and maintenance requirements of this Ordinance, the following species of trees shall be considered undesirable species, and shall not be utilized.

Comment [BK5]: Any changes or additions?

1. Box-Elder (*Acer negundo*)
2. Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*)
3. Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*)
4. Tulip Tree (*Liriodendrum tulipifera*)
5. Mulberry (*Morus alba*)
6. Poplars and Cottonwoods(all kinds) (*Populus*)
7. Bradford Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*)
8. Willows (all kinds) (*Salix*)
9. Siberian Elm (*Ulmus pumila*)
10. Any tree located or planted so as to interfere with any public utility.

D. Evergreen Trees

Evergreen trees shall be a minimum of five (5) feet high with a minimum caliper of one and one-half inches (1 1/2") immediately after planting.

E. Shrubs and Hedges

Shrubs shall be planted at least two (2) feet in average height when planted and shall conform to specified requirements within four (4) years after planting.

F. Grass or Ground Cover

Grass of the fescue (*Gramineae*) or bluegrass (*Poaceae*) family shall be planted in species normally grown as permanent lawns, and may be sodded or seeded. In swales or similar areas subject to erosion, nets or suitable mulch shall be used; nurse grass shall be sown for immediate protection until complete coverage otherwise is achieved. In certain cases, ground cover consisting of rocks, pebbles, sand or similar materials may be approved.

G. Maintenance and Installation

All landscaping materials shall be installed in a sound and competent manner, according to accepted, good construction and planting procedures. The owner of the property shall be responsible for the continued proper maintenance of all landscaping materials, and shall keep them in a proper, neat and orderly appearance, free of refuse and debris at all times. All unhealthy or dead plant material installed pursuant to this section shall be replaced within one (1) year.