



Tuesday, May 25, 2021 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1 Call to Order

Committee Chairman Marvin Block Called the Tree Commission meeting to order for May 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Chairman Block, Andy Bruney, Charlie Campbell, Donald Barnard, Leah Argyle (not present at roll call)

Absent: None

Staff present: Bailey Klimchak

Public present: None

2 Action on Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of September 29, 2020 and all were in favor; motion carried 4-0.

3 Commission Member Terms

a Appointments

Leah Argyle arrived (on line).

Two Commission member terms expired December 31, 2020; both Donald Barnard and Leah Argyle agreed to be reappointed, recommendation will be made to Council.

4 Budget

Bailey Klimchak said there is \$3,000 left in the budget for 2021; the budget started with \$10,000 and \$7,000 was spent at the beginning of January to take down dead trees along the trail as a matter of safety.

Discussion on maintenance of trail/trees beyond the municipal limit and four trees east of Concord Road that look ready to fall; Mr. Block said he would report that to the Licking Park District.

Chairman Block said he would like the Finance Committee to give the Tree Commission the courtesy of talking with them before money is spent; other members agreed they should know how much money they can spend before they start spending it, and to get at least a budget breakdown on how it is spent.

5 Dangerous Trees in the Village

Mr. Block said he spoke to someone at Dawes Arboretum who wants to form a coalition with Johnstown to try and work on some historic trees for the mastodon site as well as work in conjunction with us on other projects around town; added that he first spoke to him about the dangerous trees, he provided recommendations for arborists. Mr. Block said the most impressive was Randy who owns McCullough Tree Service, he is a certified arborist and his rate is \$85 per hour to come out and look, he also does take downs and trimming; added that if he got the job he could waive the \$85 per hour. Mr. Block said his thought was to have him come out and look at the trees in the right-of-way and that he would like to see us work with him every year or have him as a consultant and budget money annually to have him look after some of the old trees in the village. Committee discussion on liability and how the inspection would work; Ms. Klimchak said although not in the right-of-way she would like the big oak tree where the dog park will be to be looked at.

ACTION:	Andy Bruney moved to have McCullough Tree Service come in and do five hours at \$85 per hour to start and point out what trees need attention and what trees are a potential hazard and just need to be removed; Charlie Parker seconded and all were in favor.
AYES:	Marvin Block, Andy Bruney, Charlie Campbell, Don Barnard, Leah Argyle
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Passed 5 - 0

Ms. Argyle said she would like to be there to hear; Ms. Klimchak said she could coordinate schedules. Mr. Block invited others to join; it would be a good learning experience.

6 Tree Preservation Ordinance

Baily Klimchak said a tree preservation ordinance would give better direction on what is considered a dangerous tree and would give the Commission and Council more power over trees on private property.

Mr. Block said he thinks it would be a nice idea to open the inspection service to homeowners inside Johnstown if they had a tree they wanted inspected, the resident would pay for the tree to be inspected and if it needed treatment they would have to take care of it but good to have someone that really knows what they are doing; would be a good service for the village. Ms. Klimchak said she would have an ordinance draft for next meeting.

7 2021 Meeting Schedule

a Proposed Schedule

Schedule presented for meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 5 - 6 pm through October 2021; there was no objection by members on dates proposed. Ms. Klimchak noted that they could schedule more but need to have six meetings to apply for

Tree City again.

8 Other Business

1. Ms. Klimchak said last year they created the Memorial Tree Fund but have not received any donations; please continue to share.
2. Discussion on Arbor Day planning, committee in favor of celebrating in October.
3. Mr. Block to get pricing on different trees/sizes to offer wholesale pricing to residents.
4. Still need to make the tree inventory list; Andy Bruney to pull template previously sent, offered to do Leafy Dell.

9 Adjourn

ACTION: Mr. Barnard moved to Adjourn; Marvin Block seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: 5

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 5 - 0

Meeting adjourned approximately 5:40 pm