

TREE COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

MAY 2, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Verheek, Cookie Friedrich, Bruce Schaub, Pat Sagala, Janice Waterman

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bob Johnson, Pat Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathie Boyle, Jeff Mikula– City of Manistee

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Sagala.

Motion by Friedrich **second** by Sagala to accept June 13, 2016 minutes and place on file.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Fifth Avenue Tree Replacement

Trees in the old NIA building area are not in good condition and at the end of their life cycle. The DPW is asking permission to remove all old tress and replace with an approximately one dozen autumn blaze maples. Consensus of commission is that “current trees need to go and new trees planted. **All in favor.** This will be a fall project for the DPW.

Washed up Logs/Tress on Beaches

The City has received inquiries from citizens that would like to take the washed up logs. Commission believes there is no big interest. Recommend to City Manager to have DPW dispose of logs/trees. If anyone is interested in the wood let the DPW know.

Chalk Art

Chalk Art Contest will be held on Monday, July 3rd, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., registration to begin at 4:45 p.m. All members are encouraged to volunteer. Boyle to get 100 ice cream coupons from Dairy Queen and Sagala will get prizes. Need to purchase chalk this year.

Cedar and Water Street

Cedar Street Marina has requested tress be removed from an area on the landside of the riverwalk. Schaub and Mikula will walk property to mark trees. Tree form has been completed. Consensus of commission is to thin out this area of trees.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMENTS

Mikula reported that this past spring we cut 50 – 60 trees which is approximately 90% of the list. Stump grinding is about 80% completed. The City has a very good relationship with Tree Inc. the company contracted by Consumer Energy for their tree cutting. We will again have the tree planting program this fall. Trees to be \$40.00 and include a watering bag.

There being no further business, **Motion** by Waterman, **second** by Friedrich to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. All in favor.

Next meeting will be June 5th at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall lunch room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Boyle
Recording Secretary