

TREE COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

MAY 5, 2015

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

MEMBERS ABSENT : None

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

Sagala called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Waterman **second** by Friedrich to accept August 4, 2014 minutes and place on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Planting

Mikula updated the commission on the tree planting program. Last spring the bid was awarded to Preferred Lawn/Landscape Service. The contractor did not fulfill their contract and no trees were planted. Citizens were given a choice for a refund or to wait until we advertise and plant again. Believe it is too late for spring/summer planting, but will try again this fall. Schaub will contact Tom at Fox Farm Tree Planting to check on availability of trees and discuss the best trees for our area. Current tree planting system is not working, need to spend time and go over the program to improve.

Chalk Art Contest

Sagala has placed contest in the Forest Festival brochure. Contest will be on July 2nd at River and Water Street in the fountain triangle at 4:00 p.m. registration begins at 3:30 p.m. Johnson and Waterman will lay out squares. Boyle will contact Dairy Queen for 100 coupons for ice cream cones; Sagala will put together goodie bags for participants.

Ages for contest:

5 – 6 year olds

7 – 8 year olds

9 – 11 year olds

Commission approved a tree planting from Brenda Alfred – 504 First Street to place a red maple in the city right-of-way.

OLD BUSINESS

Jen Teller from Harbor Drive has again requested a tree limb be trimmed west of Douglas Park tennis courts. Request has been denied. Interim City Manager Ben Bifoss has sent letter to Tellers explaining the city's stance on the trimming.

COMMENTS

Schaub stated there are several trees in Reitz Park that need to be cut down.


Williams would like to see all tall shrubs at intersection be cut down. What can we do by ordinance? This is becoming a safety issue. Mikula stated we have revised our noxious weed ordinance; instead of dates the city will now cut after lawn is 10" tall.

There being no further business, **Motion** by Johnson, **second** by Williams to adjourn.

*Next meeting will be **June 8, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.** in the City Hall lunch room*

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathie Boyle
Recording Secretary