

March 11, 2025

Tree Commission Meeting

Commission Members Present: Larry Hohlman, Roger Domokos, Ed Urban, Lisa Bodi, Jerry Tarolli

Guests: Paul Christman

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

No Public Presentation

New Business

Commissioner Hohlman called the meeting to order.

The tree on 613 Taft St. owned by Eric Petersen was discussed. Concerns involving infrastructure, tree space and the extent of tree decay are going to be further investigated. A motion was made to table the decision by Roger Domokos and Lisa Bodi seconded it.

Commissioner Hohlman spoke with Tracy Colston about the OCCD tree sale. Mr Colston approved the purchase of 100.00 worth of trees. Mr. Colston also requested that the Arbor Day Celebration include the police dog memorial tree commemoration. The committee discussed it.

The tree at 417 Lincoln Avenue was discussed. Mr. Urban stated that the tree had a lot of problems, and made a request to remove it, seconded by Jerry Tarolli, and approved by all.

Old Business

The Taft St. tree previously discussed was cut down without a tree commission vote. Mr. Christman said that it was a Sewer emergency. Tracy had Doug Nuser evaluate that the tree was above the Sewer Line and the tree roots encroached into the sewer line.

The Fulton street trees in front of Bell Mell's were removed and Mr. Hohlman was concerned that the empty tree "pits" represented a safety concern for patrons in the high traffic area. Mr. Christman was going to notify Mr. Colston.

Discussion

There was discussion of the downtown potted trees and their replacement and transplantation. There was discussion of using Adams St Park for the Arbor Day Celebration. The two large stumps were ground up. Mr Urban is going to search for a fruitless Buckeye. Ideas for Arbor day trees include Ornamental Cherry, Pyramidal Red Oak or possibly Pyramidal Beech.

Public Comment - None

Next Meeting: April 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Jerry Tarolli and seconded by Ed Urban.