



TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

October 24, 2023

Present: Garrett Price, Christy Syfert, Mary McGrath, Polly Seum, Tim Miklasiewicz, Denton Kitts

Absent: Alistair Reynolds (ODNR Forester), Linda Granger

Visitors: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm.

Minutes from the October 24, 2023, meeting were approved with no changes.

Agenda for the meeting was approved.

Village Report

- Mr. Kitts will remind village workers to take tree bags off trees for the winter season.
- Mr. Kitts met with Alistair Reynolds to compile and submit the formal Tree City USA Application. The timing of the announcement is to be determined. The annual awards ceremony will take place in Spring 2024.
- Tolles students have been out a few times, once every two weeks, for the Darby Nature preserve area. The next time out is on 12/6 and will possibly be planting new trees. Students in the drone class will be attending to do a “fly-over” video of the new park. Construction students are looking at the option of putting in a boardwalk to connect the McKittrick side to the new side under the 161 bridge.
- Commission members were reminded of their invite to the Village holiday part prior to the tree lighting ceremony on 12/2/23.
- Mr. Reynolds was not in attendance, but Mr. Kitts provided an update. The ODNR Urban Forest Corrdinator position is still open and until someone has been named, no updates on grants should be expected.

New Business

- 2024 activities were discussed for how the Tree Commission and Parks and Rec department can partner together. Possible ideas were classes contests held in conjunction with already scheduled village activities; celebrations if/when Plain City is granted Tree City USA status; partnerships with the library, schools, senior centers and civic organizations, such as the local Boy Scouts chapter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

Future Discussion Topics

Further planning for 2024 Tree Commission Activities
Review of new development landscape plans