

SWANTON TREE COMMISSION

Monday, March 18, 2018

6:00 PM

Mayor's Chambers

Agenda and Minutes

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
 - a. Lange, Lammon, DeGood, Miller, Heffner, Smith, Wertz; not present, Smith
 - b. Advisory : Hoelzle, Roth, Dzyak; Hoelzle, not present
- II. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes (February 2019): approved by DeGood, seconded by Roth
- III. Old Business
 - a. Recognition of TCA Graduates Heffner and Miller
 - b. Budget Report Update; 2019 budget total is \$9578; would like to use \$8000 for tree plantings
 - c. Tree Removal - Current Forest Condition Report
 - i. Comparison between 2005 report and current removal list; current report reviewed - 12 have been removed so far this year; need to review for how many more to go
 - d. Tree City presentation
 - i. 4/17/19 in Crestline, OH
 - ii. Send Reservations ASAP to S.Miller; Roth will coordinate sending in RSVP's; so far, Roth, DeGood and Miller are going; cost is \$25 each; reservations due by 4/10/2019
 - e. 2019 Gypsy Moth spraying
 - i. Contract information given to Administrator
 - f. Council Walk-About
 1. Heffner and Miller to champion
 2. Set date; consider June or July regular council meeting night
 3. Set program.; four or five block area of Council chambers; Heffner will email PDF about Vermillion article
 - g. Tree condition at 221 Lincoln - Report; Mr. Pancoast contacted Village again

- h. Property Owner - Mr.Pancoast (419-356-7847)
 - i. Form sent
 - ii. Owner contacted Village hall week of 3/8 but was unable to talk to admin.
 - iii. Admin asked Curt or Roger to call; DeGood will call him
- i. Area Selection for 2019 Plantings
 - i. SE quadrant with infill in other areas; Church St. in NE quadrant would be good to plant since new, wider tree lawns were installed with the street reconstruction
 - ii. Need work report form from Lammon re: most recent removal
 - iii. Need stump removal plan.; Lammon will supply
- j. 2019 events Planning
 - i. Arbor Day; no response for Arbor Day from grade school; DeGood will contact Chris Lake (Superintendent) Longbrake and Smith about involvement of the schools; event does not have to be in April or on Arbor Day but it does need to happen
 - ii. Pilliod Park Tree Value; Matt Smith will coordinate for
 - iii. No further contact with Middleschool - Matt Smith, Middle School Principal, will have 7th grade take part in this project
 - iv. High School Planting Plan
 - 1. Tree species sent to Longbrake
 - a. No further progress report from Longbrake
 - 2. School will contact North Branch directly.
- v. Swanton-hosted Seminar on Tree Risk Assessment
 - 1. Set for July 18
 - 2. Full day
 - 3. Morning class
 - 4. Afternoon walk about
 - 5. Steph will provide lunch
 - 6. SC to provide water/coffee
- k. New Business
 - i. Replacement for Ledyard work load; he has moved out of community and will no longer serve in advisory capacity; Roth will get aerial map from Scott Yoder of HS property to use in planning the HS plantings

- ii. Photo Contest; Heffner and Miller to meet with Hoelzle on 3/19/19 to discuss project; may coordinate with Walk Tober (geo cashing); promote at Corn Festival
 - iii. Lange: any thoughts on a big tree contest? Soil and Water district used to do a contest similar; ask Swanton residents to submit an entry and STC would measure the tree; tabled for future discussion
- I. Open Discussion
 - m. Heffner suggested that we promote young tree training and that we focus on trees STC has planted; and that we follow up on previous year's planting to make sure planting was done properly and tree is thriving
 - n. Next meeting, April 15, 2019
- IV. Adjournment; Miller moved to adjourn, Lange seconded