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Athens Tree Commission Meeting Notes

May 12, 2022

Chris Fahl called the meeting to order. Katherine Ziff, Ben Ziff, Roxanne Male'-Brune, Nancy Walker, Jim Dyer, Chris Fahl, David Riggs and Ann Bonner were in attendance. Glenn Matlack attended as a guest.

79 Central/dead or dying trees that should be inspected and recommendations reported to David Riggs.

49 Morris/discussion about the state revised code related to right of way and neighbor law. Tree situation should be inspected and recommendations reported back to David Riggs.

Dr. Glenn Matlack of Ohio University gave a presentation of the Athens Urban Forest overtime based on slopes, floodplain and the urban core. He using aerial photography, he was able to measure tree canopy overtime in these three distinct areas. He recommended regular monitoring, regular planting and continuous attention to the trees in Athens.

Chris suggested developing three subcommittees to address the following issues and opportunities.

- Events committee-Katherine, Chris and Nancy

The Events Committee will explore and organize TC activities and events.

- Process committee-Roxanne, Chris and David Riggs

The Process Committee will develop policies related to Street and Park tree planting, pruning and tree risk management and will oversee code related to trees and permits.

- Planting committee-Jim, Glen, Nancy and Katherine Ann Jordan will be invited to participate on this committee

The Planting Committee will handle community outreach, education and planting projects

Tree bank and \$5000 is slated to plant 33- 40 trees this fall per Mayor's wishes according to Roxanne Molly Brown. Trees are planned to go to W. State St., Park.

Nancy reported on the Trees City Award Program and Zanesville and shared the award with members. Governor DeWine provided a congratulatory letter to the city of Athens. These items were given to David Riggs.

Meeting adjourned

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