

MINUTES
Versailles Shade Tree Commission
October 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. in the Village Administration building conference room.

Members present were: Sharon Henry, Mike Berger, Carl Moorman, and Village Administrator Rodd Hale. Paula Darnell was absent. Wendi Van Buren of the ODNR was also in attendance.

A motion to approve the meeting Agenda was made by Carl Moorman, seconded by Sharon Henry.
Vote: all yeas.

A motion to approve the Minutes from August 5, 2019 meeting was made by Sharon Henry, seconded by Carl Moorman, vote: all yeas.

Discussions were held regarding the recent tree removal applications. Administrator Hale informed the Commission of one additional tree removal that was not in the packets. Pat Custenborder in the Heritage Estates Subdivision recently requested the removal of a tree in the ROW. There were no questions or comments regarding the tree removals.

The Committee also approved making the fall 2019 tree purchase from A. Brown and Sons Nursery and continuing to purchase trees without a guarantee. The motion was made by Sharon Henry, seconded by Carl Moorman, vote: all yeas.

Wendi Van Buren then discussed different items the ODNR is promoting to communities. There will be an Ohio Tree Arborist training session beginning on February 25th through 27th at the Dayton Convention Center. With the recent tornadoes in Dayton and all of the tree destruction, it is now recommended a FEMA preparedness plan be put in place. According to Van Buren municipalities without a preparedness plan are not eligible for FEMA assistance for tree replacements. Van Buren also stated that the Tree City USA luncheon will be in Sidney next year on April 17th at the Sidney Senior Center. Van Buren also provided the Village of Versailles with their Tree City USA stickers for corporate limit signs. Lastly, Van Buren recommended adding Golden Rain, Yellow Wood, and Sophora trees to our medium, under 45 feet, suggested tree list.

It was also noted this is the fifth of six necessary meetings of the Tree Commission during the calendar year 2019.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sharon Henry, seconded by Carl Moorman. Vote: all yeas.

Meeting adjourned approximately 12:30 pm.

Rodd Hale
Village Administrator/Tree Commission Secretary