

**MINUTES**  
**Versailles Shade Tree Commission**  
**November 11, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. in the Village Administration Building Conference Room.

Members present were: Sharon Henry, Carl Moorman, Paula Darnell, and Village Administrator Rodd Hale. Mike Berger was absent.

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 October 15, 2019 meeting was made by Sharon Henry, seconded by Carl Moorman, vote: all yeas.

Discussions were held regarding a FEMA disaster preparedness plan. Wendi Van Buren from the ODNR attended the last meeting and expressed that a FEMA preparedness plan should be put in place so that if we do get hit by a disaster, we can apply for FEMA funds. Administrator Hale asked if the other members felt Van Buren was referring to an overall preparedness plan for the Village or strictly a preparedness plan for tree replacement. The commission members were not certain and so it was agreed that Hale would contact Wendi Van Buren to clarify.

Discussion then turned to adding certain trees to the Village's Suggested Tree List. Van Buren had also recommended adding the Golden Rain tree, the Yellow Wood, and a Sophora. After researching the trees, it was discovered that the Sophora had been changed to a different scientific name but is also referred to as a Japanese Pagoda. After continued discussion it was decided to recommend to the Village Council to add the Golden Rain tree be added to the Medium Suggested Tree List and the and Japanese Pagoda tree be added to the Large Suggested Tree List. The motion was made by Paula Darnell, seconded by Sharon Henry, vote: all yeas.

It was also noted this is the sixth meeting of the Tree Commission during the calendar year 2019 which meets the minimum requirement for Tree City USA qualification.

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

Meeting adjourned approximately at 12:30 pm.

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Rodd Hale  
Village Administrator/Tree Commission Secretary