

MINUTES
Versailles Shade Tree Commission
November 28, 2018,

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present were: Carl Moorman, Sharon Henry, Mike Berger and Village Administrator, Rodd Hale. Ginger Magoto 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 10, 2018 meeting was made by Sharon Henry, seconded by Carl Moorman. Vote: all yeas.

Discussion regarding a recent ice storm and the damage to many trees, especially of the Pear variety, prompted Village Administrator Hale to suggest Cleveland Pear, Bradford Pear and Callery Pear trees be added to the Village Shade Tree Prohibited list. Previously the Pear variety was removed from the Village's Suggested Tree List. At a previous Tree Commission meeting ODNR representative Wendi VanBuren explained that the State of Ohio now has the Cleveland Pear and Bradford Pear trees on the evasive species list and will no longer allow nurseries to sell these variety of trees. After discussion a motion was made by Carl Moorman, seconded by Sharon Henry to add the Cleveland Pear, Bradford Pear and Callery Pear trees to the Village's prohibited list. Vote: all yeas.

Recent tree removal requests were discussed with no concerns.

Administrator Hale then provided information regarding the submission of the Tree City USA application. The application must have the minutes from at least six Tree Commission meetings and the November 28th meeting was the sixth of the year so now the application can be submitted.

In general discussion, Hale mentioned the Village had received one complaint from a Brad Jones on N. Center Street regarding the size of his tree in the annual tree purchase. Hale stated he had looked at the tree and felt it was of suitable size and had provided Brown's Nursery with Mr. Jones's contact information.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Rodd Hale
Village Administrator/Tree Commission Secretary