

Tree Committee meeting - March 21, 2024

Present – John Lockard, Jeffrey K, Roland Forrester, Ruth Phillips, Melissa Sapp, Carl and Cindy Lohrbach

Old business –

-Rewriting the Village tree ordinance, - Steph Miller would like to help us, especially with tree list.

-The Tree at 205 Main Street - after months of debate and observing, we have decided we would like to suggest to Council that this tree be removed by a professional. Mrs. Fraley would like to see it only trimmed, but after much debate and review, we have reversed our initial ideas, since the cost of the great amount of trimming may be the same as removal. Before we get it removed, we would like our streets workers to get at least two estimates from professionals. And before it is removed, we would like to talk with Mrs. Fraley about its removal.

-The discussion of tree planting (and plaque) honoring Marge Cox will be delayed until after Arbor day. We would like to see the **red-X'd** tree (out front of City Hall) removed by our village personnel before moving on this. There are only 2 **red-X'd** trees in Pemberville. The other is in front of the elementary school. We believe our Village personnel have the equipment to remove both of these, as soon as possible.

-The **green-X'd** trees (five of these) can be taken down later, at our convenience.

New business –

-The tree at 318 Perry is ok for our Jeff B to take down with town equipment. It is a **green X** tree. Before Jeff does this, please let Tree Comm know, and we will inform the resident there of this action.

-If there is any action from residents abusing village Trees, the Tree Comm would like to know about it before warnings are sent out. We like to keep residents informed.

-The Annual Tree City awards meeting in Defiance OH will be attended this year by Jeffrey K and Melissa Sapp. It will be April 17 from 10 am till 2 pm in Defiance.

-Arbor Day Celebration – In honor of the 75th Anniversary of the ODNR's founding, they have decided to donate a tree and have an official tree planting ceremony in each of Ohio's 88 counties. ODNR has suggested Pemberville to represent Wood County. An Official from ODNR as well as Steph Miller would like to be there for this event. Of the four possible species of trees offered to us, we as a Tree Comm would like to accept the **Swamp White Oak** as the ODNR's donation. We will try to co-ordinate a date and an acceptable location for this event and planting. Even if it is not exactly on Arbor Day. Three locations for this planting event are: 2 locations inside memorial Park and one location on County Co-op property. John L will send a letter to see if County Co-op would like a tree at the SW corner of Bierley Ave and Front St. (This location is 10 feet from any of our Village underground infrastructure at that location. Including all newly installed pipelines)

Next two meetings will be at 7 pm April 8 and April 22.