

City of Napoleon, Ohio
TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm

PRESENT

Committee Members	Larr Etzler- Chair, Dave Volkman, Kyle Moore (arrived at 6:03 pm)
Council Representative	Molly Knepley
City Staff	Aron Deblin-Construction Inspector
Clerk of Council	Roxanne Dietrich

ABSENT

Committee Members	Gary Haase, Ed Clausing
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CALL TO ORDER

The Tree Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Etzler at 6:02 pm.

REVIEW TREE CALL REPORTS

Deblin reported one call was received from 1121 Willard. The homeowner said there were dead limbs falling off of a tree and requested the tree be trimmed.

6:03 pm - Moore arrived.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hearing no corrections or objections, the minutes from the July 19, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

Etzler noted Clausing emailed pictures of a tree on 816 North Perry Street. The tree is in the grates and had a limb break off. Etzler said he looked at the tree today and someone removed the broken limb. It looks like the tree is starting to rot is why the limb broke off and the other side of the tree looks as bad. My recommendation would be to have the tree removed and have another tree replanted.

FINALIZE FALL PLANTING LIST

Deblin informed the commission letters were sent to homeowners. Two homeowners do not want a new tree planted, leaving a total of thirteen trees to be planted. There are ten on Park Street, one is for Arbor Day, there is one on Scott Street that is in a tree well and was broke off, and there is a straggler on Park Street from the spring planting that broke off.

FINALIZE FALL TRIMMING LIST

Deblin stated with the fall removal bids coming in so high, the fall trimmings will be limited to \$5,000. I will ask Lulfs if Tawa can come in and trim the areas where we have had complaints. Based on Tawa's previous quote, it would be about three days of trimming and do not feel that would be worth sending out bid packets for. Volkman agreed. Deblin noted that will put us further behind on the trimming cycle and propose that next year we do away with plantings to catch up on maintenance. Lulfs informed me he is going to try to request more money in the budget but, we do not know if that will happen. This is the third or fourth cycle and we still have not made it out of the Woodlawn to Riverview from Scott to Glenwood area. Moore noted that is an older neighborhood with bigger trees. Deblin added that is part of the reason the removals were so high. The first eleven removals were diseased or recommendations from Tawa in the spring. Two of those trees came in at \$8,000 because of their size and the contractor will have to rent a crane to keep the trees off of houses and drives.

Etzler said we can move on canceling the spring plantings now or we can talk about canceling them in January of 2022. Deblin suggested discussing once we know what our budget will be.

AWARD FALL REMOVAL CONTRACT

Deblin reported two bids were received. There are about twenty-six trees and forty tree stumps. The bid from A Cut Above the Rest was \$19,780.00. The second bid received from All Seasons was \$28,800.00 with a note the work cannot be completed in the 60-day window. Deblin pointed out \$16,000 of the bid was recommendations from Tawa in the spring. Some of the trees have Dutch Elm disease and some are just deteriorated. The tree on

