

**SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES
JULY 9, 2007
5:15 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order with the following members present: Diana Cathan, Ed Simon, Dan Weir, Administrator and Bethann Petronio, secretary. Sue Evans was excused.

AGENDA: Add O.B. – Recruiting of new members & regular meeting day/time

MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2007: There were no corrections to the minutes. *Weir made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Simon seconded. ROLL CALL: All Yeas.*

OLD BUSINESS:

2007 PLANT A TREE PROGRAM: Need to select two tree species for the fall plant a tree program. Simon distributed a list of trees that would be good for this program. Most of the trees on the list grow from 15'-30' and are very hardy trees. Trees need to be low maintenance and low height. Seems that cost share has been a factor in residents response to this program. The cost share has increased in the last few years. Maybe consider sending letters to individual residents suggesting purchase of a tree for their yard. Maybe emphasize that the village does pay for a portion of the tree or installation. Could possibly write something for the village's newsletter about the plant a tree program. Commission chose a silver linden and red sunset maple for the 2007 tree program. Will get prices on these trees and from Busy Bee for installation.

FUTURE TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES: The **library** is in need of trees and landscaping on their property but have no funds in the budget at this time for such projects. Would need to have low maintenance plantings there since no one really maintains the flower beds on a regular basis. Need to refurbish the beds that are there already. Commission was questioned whether Council would have an issue with using village monies on a library project. Suggestion was made about kids or residents doing a "foster a tree" program where they would take care of a newly planted tree in town. Simon looked at **Mineral Lake Park** and **George Knox Park** for ideas about planting of trees, etc. Additional trees are needed in Mineral Lake Park and should be trees that do not require a lot of care. Would be nice to see more trees around the lake. Need to start planting young trees to take the place of the older trees that need to be removed from the park. George Knox Park has a definite poison ivy problem. The park is to be sprayed tomorrow for this problem. Trees along the property line are in need of pruning. The terrain is very uneven through out the park. Some grading will need to be done there next spring. Should consider planting some trees in the big open field area. Hedge material is needed behind one of the frisbee golf baskets by the pavilion so that when a disc misses the basket it doesn't go into the pavilion area.

REMOVAL OF TREES AT ARBYS': The owner of Arby's has been contacted about the dead trees along the property line. He has stated that the trees will be removed but to date, nothing has been done.

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PROGRAM PLAN FOR 2007 -2008: Commission members reviewed the tentative plan and would like to add visit Mineral Lake Park in August to see where trees are needed in the park. In October, added marking areas of the park for tree planting. ***Cathan made a motion to approve the yearly program plan and recommend it to Council. Simon seconded. ROLL CALL: All Yeas.***

RECRUITING OF NEW MEMBERS & SCHEDULED MEETING: Need to keep looking for residents who are interested in being on this commission. Since all members are not present tonight, setting the scheduled meeting day was *tabled*.

NEW BUSINESS:

LANDSCAPING OF EAGLE PARK: Commission members were given copies of the landscape plans for Eagle Park for their review. Items may be added or withdrawn from the design. Shade Tree commission usually reviews the landscape plan on large projects such as this. This landscaping will done some time in September or October of 2007.

BUFFER PLANTING AT W.W.T.P.: May need some screening around the property to screen future residences from the wastewater treatment plant. Would be for noise and sight improvement. Habitat for Humanity has expressed interest in building homes on this property adjacent to the plant.

ARBOR DAY 2008: Celebration will be held on April 25th, 2008. There will be a poster contest for 5th graders held nation wide through the National Arbor Day Foundation. Need to consider where we will have our celebration and what will be done for it. Consider small saplings for one of the classes at the elementary school.

Next meeting will be Monday, August 20, 2007 at 5:15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.