

**South Euclid Tree Commission  
Meeting minutes January 9, 2019**

**Present: Joseph Mehalik, chairman; Debbie Wright, Miriam Plax, Dean Grida, Jane Goodman, Dominic Liberatore. Tammy Lease-Novak, Lenny Chormanski**

**Absent: Kessa Turnbull**

**Guests: Brad McBride and Tracy Lane from Davey Tree**

**Residents: Ron Barrett and Dave Hudak for Appeals hearings**

**Start time: 5:30 pm**

**Appeals: Mr. Barrett presented his case for removal of a red maple tree lawn tree from his daughter's home at 3900 Colony Road (that he recently purchased for her) after a flooded basement on December 31, 2018. There was a substantial bill for roto-rooting. He feels that removal of this tree will alleviate the problem for years to come. After significant discussion of his broken sewer pipe (which he acknowledged), it was decided that his tree would not be removed and Lenny and Dean would let Mr. Barrett know the decision of the commission.**

**Mr. Hudak of 4477 Laurel Road has not filed his appeal yet but since Dean has looked at his tree the commission proceeded to hear his situation. He indicated that his basement flooded on November 28, 2018. Mr. Hudak was not looking to have his tree removed. He recently had sewer work done by Wyatt Works and was looking for ways to keep things from backing up again. He indicated he was going to continue to have Wyatt come out and asked about Ridex. Since he has not filed an appeal, there was no decision.**

**Public comments: Mr. McBride spoke for Davey Tree. He offered a plan to treat 55-60 Ash trees on Bexley Road that may or may not be infested with Ash bore. The more trees treated, the better the price.**

Dan (don't know last name) and Mike Love were unable to attend our meeting tonight because it conflicted with the Chamber of Commerce meeting. Lenny was asked to extend an invitation to attend the March meeting.

Joe indicated that he met with Sally Martin, Jim Anderson and Mayor Welo about the sidewalk ordinances which appear to be out-of-date. *JOE: What followed was mayhem. I do not know how you want me to characterize it.*

Dominic indicated that there will be a Tree root/Sidewalk: Public Conflict workshop hosted by the Ohio Association of Independent Arborists. He will share the information when he receives it.

Tammy raised the issue of the education requirement for new tree commission members. Since she has an inflexible work schedule and most all the education options are offered during the day during the week, Joe suggested that she contact Alan Siewart at ODNR and see if there are online or self-learning options for her.

There was a question raised about how much money is actually in the SE Tree Fund and is that different than what the service department thinks is available. Jane has asked the finance department for an accounting.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting date has been changed to Wednesday March 20, 2019 due to conflicting schedules of several members. Lenny will check to see if the South Euclid City Hall Jury Room is available.

Meeting adjourned 7:19 pm

Submitted by:  
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