

## Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

9/4/2019 5:30 pm

City Hall Jury Room

Present: Joe Mehalik, Debbie Wright, Miriam Plax, Kessa Turnbull, Dominic Liberatore, Dean Grida, Lenny Chormanski

Absent: Jane Goodman, Tammy Lease

Guests: Brad Glazer, Helena Glazer, Raymond Adrine, Wendy Adrine

start: 5:30 pm

### Appeals:

1. Raymond and Wendy Adrine 1173 Monarch Rd, South Euclid

Have been cited for lifted sidewalk exceeding acceptable limits, which is due to the roots of a city owned locust tree on the tree lawn in front of their house. 8 or 9 sidewalk sections are involved. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> time they have had to repair this sidewalk. They complied with the code the other 3 times. They are asking for help with the cost of this repair.

2. Brad and Helena Glazer 3861 Eastway Rd, South Euclid

Have been cited for planting unapproved fruit trees on their treelawn at the corner of Eastway and Fenwick. They were initially cited in 2016. Since then they have removed a number of unapproved trees that blocked the street signs and the fire hydrant. Seven fruit trees are still on the tree lawn on Fenwick causing the current citation and their current appeal.

### Discussion:

1. Raymond and Wendy Adrine acknowledge that their sidewalk needs fixing. The locust is healthy and is an asset to the city. They are encouraged to apply for a grant from One South Euclid for help with sidewalk repair. In the meantime the city service department and the tree commission are looking into alternative ways to build sidewalks that will allow room for the tree roots to grow. We also introduced the idea of curving the sidewalk to make room for the tree. The Tree Commission is supportive of alternative ways of dealing with tree roots, while maintaining our tree canopy and safe public sidewalks. They will be following up with Lenny Chormanski and the South Euclid Housing Department. They will be allowed time to pursue funding with One South Euclid

2. Raymond and Helena Glazer's fruit trees on the tree lawn along Fenwick Rd are in violation of the South Euclid Master Tree plan and city code. They planted too many trees, plus trees of unapproved species on city property without getting prior approval. These trees will have to be removed. The city will offer the proper number of trees and the appropriate tree species for that spot to replace the removed trees. Dean Grida, South Euclid City Arborist will follow up with the Glazers and offer them appropriate trees from the city once the cited trees have been removed. The tree lawn on Fenway can accommodate 2 trees.

### New Business:

1. Rock the Block went well. Joe still needs to deliver the trees.

The table and tent worked very well. Plan to continue involvement in Rock the Block. We did discuss getting involved with other events such as Harvest Fest next year.

2. Cuyahoga County Tree Grant: no response yet

We applied for \$25,000 for tree mapping and inventory, which includes \$3000 for urban site index

3. Veteran Day Tree Planting: Veterans Day is Monday 11/11

To accommodate attendance we will hold our tree planting on Sunday 11/10 time to be determined.

Lauren Lanphear has offered one or two Terezin Maple trees for this event. This is a decedent of a tree smuggled in to children in the Terezin Concentration camp during WWII. Last year these sapling were too small. Dean will call Lauren Lanphear to see if these trees (possibly 2 of them ) are available this year. One would be planted at Lanphear Park, the other some place else, to be determined.

Plans will be finalized at our next Tree Commission Meeting on 11/6 at 5:30 pm. In the meantime details will be discussed by email once we know if these trees re available or if we need to find another tree.

4. Tree Commission Membership: The term is 4 years. Most of us are at the limit of our current term: Kessa, Joe, Debbie, Miriam, and Dominic. Tammy is in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year? The Tre commission has a membership of 9 and up to 12 members. We will need to adverize in the city newsletter and possible in Sun News for new applicants.

Next meeting has been changed to 11/6 5:30pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Jury room to accommodate planning for Veteran's Tree Planting

Lenny will secure the meeting room

Debbie will contact Mark Geyman to have the date changed on the website

Meeting adjourned: 7 pm

Submitted by Debbie Wright