

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

November 20, 2013

Meeting called to order by John Clark

Mayor Clark swore in new members Wes Hawkins and Randy Weaver

Members present: John Clark, Marty Hura, Wes Hawkins and Randy Weaver
Motion to excuse Don Buchert all yes

Discussion on the purpose of the Shade Tree Committee- it was decided that the committee would do some research on what there responsibilities are and come up with a mission. They would like a copy of the Tree City Paper work that is done yearly to keep our Tree City Status.

Talked about a downed tree on the western trails. A resident wants to remove it. It was decided that it would be a liability to the Village to knowingly allow residents to remove downed trees on our property. Also, the fact that it could be construed as having favorites to allow one resident to cut up a downed tree and take the wood and not be offered to another.

It was discussed on how Arbor Day is handled. Seedlings and McDonalds coupons for all the 3rd grade students, a first prize for the winner of either a poster or essay contest... It was decided that there will be a certificate of participation of some sort attached to the seedlings. Also, a guest speaker as usual.

John C. is going to see if Chuck Engelhart will attend the next meeting as an Arborist and explain and answer questions the committee has regarding tagging/ measuring trees. How to determine what trees need to be addressed, what to plant to replace the trees that have to come down, etc. It was also discussed to see if a sponsor a tree program can be started.

An email from service regarding a call from resident Hannah Solomon at the corner of Elm and Franklin was pasted out to be read. Service looked at the tree and feels Shade tree needs to recommend what they want done.

It was discussed cleaning up Rotary Grove and using that area for starter trees and move them after they are a couple of years old.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 all yes
