

Shade Tree Advisory Commission

Minutes for January 9, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Open Public Meetings Act Read

Roll Call:

- Mr. Hardmeyer – Present
- Dr. Craddock – Present
- Mrs. Van Orden – Present
- Mr. Smith – Present

Minutes: Membership approved last month's meetings. Mrs. VanOrden approved, and Mr. Craddock seconded.

- The membership voted on the slate of officers for 2013.
 - Dr. Craddock was elected Chairman
 - Mr. Smith was elected Vice Chairman.
- Mrs. Van Orden – Approved of Mr. Smith's draft of the Tree bank Ordinance and asked if it could be placed online.
- Mr. Smith – Discussed an attachment to the Tree Ordinance and also as a guide line. He will go talk to Cerbo's.
- Mrs. Van Orden – Would like to put online a tree listing so that residents will know what is native and also what is available at Cerbo's. Also, would like to see the link's for the tree's put online as well.
- Mr. Smith – Will look into if permission is needed before putting the links online. Also, took Bradford Pears off the list.
- Mr. Hardmeyer – Inquire into who needs to speak to the town about the online posting. After he receives town permission, he will come back with revisions.
- Mrs. Van Orden – Asked about percentage vs. dollar amount. She suggested it would be better with a dollar amount. She also would like to make sure that the tree is not too big for the homeowner to handle.
- Mr. Smith – Wanted to know if reimbursement could also include a matching percentage.
- Mrs. Craddock – Inquired if this proposal covers the tree or tree and planting. Also, what diameter will be required?
- Mrs. Van Orden – Asked Mr. Smith what his recommendation for size was and his response was 2". She also asked about invasive trees and trying to keep them off the list.

- Mr. Hardmeyer – Asked if about using other vendors such as Gardens of the World, Plant Detectives, etc.. Mrs. Van Orden felt that a lot of homeowners will go to Home Depot or Lowes. Mr. Craddock questioned if they sold 2” diameter trees.
- Mr. Hardmeyer – Will make Final Draft and see about adopting it in March at the next meeting.



Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

****No meeting on March 13 due to lack of quorum****