

**MUNICIPAL TREE COMMISSION MEETING  
CITIZEN PARK CONFERENCE ROOM  
Tuesday, February 15, 2011**

**MINUTES**

Commissioners: Alderman Nic Levendusky; Rick Schwarz, and Todd Holschbach

Absent: Glenn Pfeffer

Ex-Officio: Mike Huck and Allen Boruch

Also in attendance: Peter Burish.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm. The minutes of the April 30, 2010 meeting were read and approved.

A report on spending year to date on tree maintenance and what that entailed was held. Mike Huck briefed the committee on the new project management procedures and what type of information could be expected from it.

Discussion of potential re-org of the Parks Department and the implications for staffing of the Commission. Mike Huck assured the commission that staff support would continue to be available for the commission. A discussion of the implications of reduced labor and reduced funds available for the tree program was held.

The tree maintenance study was discussed, and consensus was reached on the need for particular expertise in moving the tree maintenance plan forward. The need for an outside consultant to develop a work plan to implement the study was discussed, along with the need to stretch the ten year plan out to reduce the resources needed on an annual basis. Mike Huck was directed to compile a list of local arborists who may assist on a contract basis and to develop an estimate of costs for same.

Arbor Day was discussed as the next meeting. The commission normally plants a tree in a park to recognize the day. The Tree City designation is also given at that time, but the status of the award is unknown. Rick Schwarz recalled that the application has been submitted. Mike Huck will investigate and communicate the results of that investigation to the commission via email.

The need for an additional citizen member was discussed and Peter Burish expressed an interest in joining the commission. He is submitting a brief resume and will contact the mayor's office to submit his name for appointment.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for April 29, 2011 at 11:30 am at a park to be determined.

Mike Huck

