

**ALLIANCE SHADE TREE COMMISSION
AND
SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting: March 28, 2018

Members Present: Mike Greiner, Arnie Hirvela, Barrie Kridler, Leigh Mainwaring, Joe Mazzola, Kathryn Miller, Vince Obmann, Pat Stone, and Frank Woolf.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mainwaring. The November, 2017 minutes were approved.

Finances: There is about \$3,600 at the Alliance Foundation.

Proposed Projects-2018:

1. The Athena tree for Kim Stanley. She selected a weeping cherry tree.
2. A proposal request must be submitted soon to the Civic Trust. Barry proposed six Persian ironwood trees on an open area on the Iron Horse Trail across from the Mabel Hartzell House on Vine Street.
3. Five to six trees have been lost at the castle. Barry recommended replacing them with northern pin oaks. They will not be planted until next fall.
4. A tree planted last year on the North Union Ave. project is dead and needs replacement.
5. A tree honoring Chuck McClaugherty on his retirement from UMU.

Mike Greiner will be attending the Tree City-USA conference on April 24 in Ashland representing both ASTC and UMU.

Joe Mazzola reported on the following projects:

1. ODOT has completed the clean-up of three of the four quadrants at the U.S. 62-State Street interchange.
2. KAB will be getting some grant money and is looking to clean-up the small trees and brush between the U.S. 62 interchange and the railroad to the east on State Street.
3. ODOT is going to upgrade the section of the Union Avenue corridor between College and Columbia. New curb and sidewalks will be constructed where needed. The cost will be about \$1.5 million.
4. Potters Creek construction will be finished this summer and landscaping completed.
5. All sites where buildings were removed will have grass planted and at some locations trees planted.

As a part of Arbor Day Kathryn Miller on March 7 and Pat Stone on March 8 spoke to Fourth Grade classes at Northside School. This will be repeated at the Early Learning Center on April 25 and Parkway and Rockhill Schools on April 27. Shirley Weimer will pay for the distribution of seedlings.

For the 14th year trees will be planted at the schools. Barrie selected red bud trees to match the seedlings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnie Hirvela, Secretary

NEXT MEETING-7:30 AM, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018, AT PONCHOS RESTAURANT