

MINUTES
Versailles Shade Tree Commission
July 23, 2018

The meeting was held at the Village Administration building, 177 N. Center Street and began at 12:00 p.m.

Members present were: Carl Moorman, Sharon Henry, Mike Berger and Village Administrator, Rodd Hale. Ginger Magoto was absent.

A motion to approve the meeting Agenda was made by Carl Moorman, seconded by Sharon Henry. Vote: all yeas.

A motion to approve the Minutes from the April 27, 2018 meeting was made by Sharon Henry, seconded by Carl Moorman. Vote: all yeas.

Recent tree removal requests were discussed with no concerns.

Wendi VanBuren of the Ohio DNR came to present the Village with a 20th consecutive Tree City USA award. The Village has now qualified to receive street signs (Village entry signs) showing the village as a Tree City USA community.

Wendi also discussed the recent banning of all flowering pear trees in the State of Ohio by the Ohio legislature. The trees that were once very popular are now considered to be an invasive species that spread rapidly and produce weak trunks that split easily. According to Wendi many nurseries are currently trying to get rid of their stock and selling the trees cheap to customers. Evidently, the nurseries have until the end of the year to get rid of their stock and will not be allowed to sell any flowering pear trees beginning in 2019. Flowering pears are on the Village's prohibited tree list.

Wendi discussed ash trees and explained a good way to tell if an ash tree is dying is to see if it changes to its fall colors unusually early in the late summer or very early fall season. Wendi commented this is generally a good sign the ash tree has the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) disease and will likely die the following year.

After the meeting a picture was taken to provide to the media for publicity on the Tree City USA award.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sharon Henry, seconded by Carl Moorman. Vote: all yeas.

Meeting adjourned.

Tree Commission Chairman

Rodd Hale
Village Administrator