

**Urban Forest Council Meeting**  
**February 6, 2019**  
**11:30am**

**In Attendance:** Casey Heilman, Ric Stolly, Steve Young, Jim Moscato, Vince Sarno, Sarah Helton, Jim Morrissey

**Meeting Notes:**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30am.

**General Discussion**

We now have four Tree commission Academy Graduates on the Urban Forest Council now as of December. The Tree Commission Academy is an educational course offered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

**Preschooler Tree Giveaway**

It was suggested that tree saplings should be given to preschoolers as a way to help kick off a Spring event. The trees would be paid for by the rebate program. Casey has been asked to speak to her director at Allen SWCD about the process of purchasing tree saplings.

**City Council**

Sarah Helton will be presenting to City Council for the Urban Tree Council in March. The council discussed her presentation and offered suggestions. Sarah asked that those who could make the meeting please attend for a show of support. The meeting will be on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm 50 town square municipal building.

**City Tree Planting**

Jim Morrissey shared that there will be 181 trees planted in the City of Lima as part of the Elm Street Railroad Grade Separation Project. A list of tree species and a map of where they will be planted was presented. Most of the trees will be around the round-a-bout and the corresponding streets.

**Tree Rebate Program**

Casey Heilman went over the tree rebate program. It was reported that program flyers are ready and available and that people have already been contacting the her about the program.

**Arbor Day Event**

An Arbor Day Event will be tentatively be at Lima Central Catholic. Ric Stolly is working with LCC to make this happen. It would be held on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>

**Kick Off Event**

A kick off celebration is in the works to be held on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> downtown on Main Street to correspond with the free comic book event on the same day. A tree planting, “name that tree” contest, games, planting flowers, and a giveaway are being discussed as possible activities. Sarah will contact food trucks. Jim Morrissey will talk to Alter Ego and see if the owner would be open to the idea and like to partner with us.

### **AEP**

Steve Young from AEP let the council know that they will be doing a tree trimming mainly on the eastside of Lima. A lot needs to come out.

A tree risk assessment is going to be planned and performed by our Regional Forester, Stephanie Miller, to help produce a practical inventory of hazardous trees. This list will help to identify trees that pose hazardous conditions and may need to come down or ones that are in risk. AEP is willing to help with the removal of dangerous trees that are under powerlines when they come.

AEP is also talking about chemically treating trees with growth regulators that are under the powerlines. This chemical has been used in Columbus and other major cities. If the council would like to hear more a representative can be brought in. This treatment is expensive but highly effective.

The Urban Tree Council agreed that they would like to hear more but would also like to see what Stephanie Miller, Regional Forester, thoughts are on the chemical.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.