### CIRCLEVILLE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES 06-14-2022

		Tree Commission	Council Chambers
JUNE 14,2022	7:12 PM	Applicants And Quiet Zones Rr Charter,	127 South Court Street Circleville, Oh 43113

MEETING CALLED BY	Chair Sheri Theis	
CLERK	Linda Chancey and Brandi Spencer, Clerk	
MEMBERS PRESENT	Cmte members present Tom Duvall and Caryn Koch-Esterline. Others present Michelle Blanton. No Guests.	
1. MINUTES	The minutes for March 29,2022 will be approved at the next meeting.	

#### 2. Old Business

### a. Tree Commission Report and Interview of Four Applicants

Theis stated the Tree Commission has met and the discussions were "where to plant more trees." We will be planting new trees this fall in different places and creating more tree tags with information with the value of trees. There is a search in process for new applicants for the Tree Commission., there are four applicants present tonight. Mark Fouch, Lisa Diana Wiseman, Roman Cline, and Laura Schweitzer who wish to be part of The Tree Commission.

Theis and the cmte members interviewed all four applicants and followed the process for being placed on the board and then forward to the June 21, 2022, Council meeting for vote for approval.

The Strategic Planning members approved the four applicants and moved to forward to Council meeting June 21st for approval.

## **b. Railroad Quiet Zones - Roman Cline** (presented a booklet on this topic to chair)

Roman Cline, 145 West Mound St. explained there are concerns with the RR, first one is safety for first responders reaching the south side of town and second one is funding sources. Cline stated there are grants available for RR funding to offset cost of crossing and more for RR for the environment because of the havoc for noise and nuisances with the horns blowing. Cline presented Train Horn Rule and Quite Zones information to get established in the city, which needs to be addressed. You can create Quiet zones and apply for ordinances in multiple ways, this could be addressed thru public utilities and train commission. The city could apply for grants to reduce the sounds of the trains. The horns blow all thru the day and create additional noise does not help the community with visitors.

Theis explained that the Mayor is over the grade separations and has reviewed grants available, please call the Mayor and talk to him about these issues.

Koch-Esterline asked about grants. Cline stated there are grants thru the state and community improvement programs.

Duvall asked that this discussion be on the agenda continually and ask the Mayor for updates.

### 3. Old Business

### **Charter Campaign**

Duvall updated cmte about the charter, it is finalized and will be on the ballot August 2<sup>nd</sup>. At this time, the charter is being printed and will be distributed to register voters.

# **City Website**

Theis explained that she has been working for a while with the developers to create a better and

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friendly website for the citizens. In a month or two it should be ready for to roll out.

# **Ted Lewis Park update**

Theis explained that the restroom and mechanical and splash pad are almost competed. the shelter houses are coming along, and the sidewalks are laid out. Per Stanley the construction should be compete in August for the splash pads and the playground too. The landscaping is scheduled for late October or November. for trees and shrubs. There is a progress meeting next week and will update the cmte too.

## **Barthelmas Park update**

Theis explained this spring the service dept graded an area in Barthelmas Park for new parking area and created a road thru the tree line for people to drive on new land to park. Also, a walking path was created to the soccer field too. The baseball and other leagues are excited to have more parking and the new path areas.

### 4. Adjournment

Duvall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Seconded by Koch- Esterline. All Yeas.