



# City of Crescent Springs Municipal Tree Commission

The June 8, 2016 meeting of the Tree Commission was called to order at 2pm by City Administrator George Ripberger. Roll call showed the following members present: Phil Rachel, Stacey Ziegler and Shirley Hartfiel. Members John Garrard and Dale Ramsey were not able to attend. Also present were City Administrator George Ripberger, Assistant City Clerk April Robinson and Mr. Don Fleming. Mr. Fleming has asked to join the Tree Commission and will be appointed in January 2017.

2016 Officers were elected.  
Chair - Phil Rachel  
Vice Chair – Stacey Ziegler  
Secretary – Shirley Hartfiel

Mr. Ripberger informed the Commission of a change in ownership of Anderson Road. Anderson Road heading North of Buttermilk is currently a City road. This stretch of Anderson Road from Buttermilk Pike to Amsterdam will soon be taken over by the state. The State will also be taking over the traffic light and electric at Clock Tower Way.

Mr. Ripberger discussed Buttermilk Pike being a state highway. He explained that anything the City or Tree Commission would do along Buttermilk Pike would have to be approved by the State by filing for an encroachment permit. The City applied for an encroachment permit which was recently approved. The approval was for brown state attraction signs to be placed on Northbound I-75 and Southbound I-75 Exit 186 ramps. The signs will list the Kenton County Veterans Memorial and the Northern Kentucky 911 Memorial as area attractions.

Mr. Ripberger discussed the idea of placing planters at the intersections of Buttermilk Pike. He said that this was a beautification idea but there were possible issues with placing them there. An encroachment permit would be necessary as well as research into the possible placement of the planters and what hazards they may cause for pedestrians and vehicles alike. It was suggested that instead of placing planters at intersections that maybe they could be placed by the City's benches located along Buttermilk Pike.

Duke Energy was in the City clearing their Electric Transmission right-of-ways. The right-of-way follows the High Tension lines that go through the City Park and our residential areas. In the past Duke has just trimmed the area. This year they came in and removed all vegetation within their right-of-way. These trees and vegetation will need to be replaced. The Commission was provided with a list of trees and cost from two different nurseries. Per the Easement Rules nothing achieving a height over 7 (seven) feet can be planted within the right-of-way.

There was discussion regarding the replacement of the trees in the City Park. Besides replacing the trees which were recently removed by Duke, there are many in the wooded area of the park which have died or are dying. These will need to be replaced as well. The Commission will work with the Public Works department in order to decide which trees to purchase, where to place them and how to pay for them. There has been money placed in the 2016-2017 budget and a grant from Duke Energy has also been submitted.

The Commission will meet again next month.

Phil Rachel motioned for adjournment at 1443. Shirley Hartfiel seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted

April C. Robinson  
Assistant City Clerk