Chagrin Falls Shade Tree Commission

Minutes of August 6, 2015 meeting

Attendees: Jamieson, McGuire, Nelson, Rounds, Weitzel, Wyville

1. Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m

2. Terry will attend a seminar on Saturday, August 29 to learn about a new soil amendment product. This product is an agricultural by-product which mimics the chemistry of the forest floor. It is currently being used by Holden Arboretum.
3. We will air knife and amend next year's spring planting sites during the last two weeks of September and the first week of October. This will allow the sites to become healthier and to be better able to supply newly planted trees with the necessary nutrients.
4. Since site preparation is so important, very few trees will be planted this fall.
5. When trees are planted in the spring, the village will attach a gator bag to each tree. Residents will be encouraged to fill the bags weekly.
6. Terry attended a four-hour seminar on tree identification held at Holden Arboretum on the last Saturday of July.
7. Terry met with Chad Clink of Holden Arboretum to discuss the need for additions to the village ordinance pertaining to actions taken to address damage and debris caused by a storm as it relates to trees. If the appropriate language is contained within the village ordinance, then FEMA will release funds to implement the part of the plan relating to trees. Without the proper language in the plan and without a plan, it is extremely difficult to get funds from FEMA. It is hoped that the Shade Tree Commission will be able to recommend language to meet this need by the end of October.
8. Rob will check with Ben to determine whether or not the developer is responsible for planting trees on the tree lawn on E. Summit at Falls River Walk.
9. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.