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**SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2022**

Gary Stachowicz, Hillsdale City Forester called the Shade Tree meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. This is the meeting that was scheduled for February 2, 2022 but was re-scheduled due to inclement weather.

Board members present: Jason Sellers, Jake Hammel and Elaine Tillinger. Jared Cole and Bud Heinowski were absent from the meeting. Elaine made a motion to excuse both Jared and Bud from the meeting. Motion was seconded by Jason and carried unanimously. Seth Haywood gave notice via e-mail that he was resigning from the Shade Tree committee citing health issues. Motion was made by Jason to accept Seth's resignation. Motion was seconded by Elaine and carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Elaine made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 6, 2021 meeting. Motion was seconded by Jason and carried unanimously.

Public comments: None

Old Business:

- A. Invasive species treatment: Gary mentioned to the committee members that the city owned woodlot at the dead end of College St was treated this past summer to eradicate oriental bittersweet. Approx. half the woodlot is complete and Gary hopes to have the rest of the woodlot treated next year. Members from the St. Joe County invasive species team performed the treatments.
- A. Re-nomination of Jason Sellers to the Shade Tree committee: Gary mentioned that as of December 9, 2021 Jason Sellers has been approved to continue serving on the Shade Tree committee for another term.

New Business:

- A. City tree planting program: Gary informed the committee that he made a change to the city public wide tree planting program. Gary said that he eliminated one of the approved tree nurseries and added one. Gleis orchards was removed from the list and Lake County nursery from Perry Ohio was added.
- B. Lakeview cemetery tree removals: Gary mentioned that an additional 17 trees were removed as part of the Lakeview cemetery expansion.
- C. State reimbursement for storm damage: Jake Hammel informed the committee that the city of Hillsdale may get some reimbursement money from the state due to the fact that because of this past summer's storms the city has qualified for state of emergency money. How much is yet to be determined.
- D. Tree City USA: Gary informed the committee that just prior to the meeting he received notice that the city of Hillsdale has again received Tree City USA status from the National Arbor Day Foundation. This marks the 45th year that the City of Hillsdale has achieved this award.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Jason Sellers to adjourn the meeting at 3:57 p.m. Motion was seconded by Elaine and carried unanimously.