

Port Clinton City Council
Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee
for Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Notes

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m., City Hall Conference room

In attendance: Councilmen Beth Gillman, and Margaret Phillips, chairman. Councilman Jerry Tarolli was excused.

Community members/Others: Mayor Hugh Wheeler, Emmett Gillman

Discussion/Action Topics:

1. Discussion on 557.02: CREATION OF CITY TREE COMMISSION

Presently states: "There is hereby established a City Tree Commission for the City, which shall consist of five members', residents, or individuals owning and operating a business located within the City, all of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of Council. The Mayor, or his representative, shall be an ad hoc member of the Commission."

Under discussion is the following:

"There is hereby established a City Tree Commission for the City, which shall consist of five members including residents, individuals owning and/or operating a business located within the City limits, and a city employee, all of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of Council. The Mayor, or his representative, shall be an ad hoc member of the Commission."

2. Continuation of the present Tree Commission Ordinance discussion from last month

557.19 Removal or mutilation of trees

No person without express permission of the *city* tree commission shall cut down, destroy, girdle, remove or otherwise injure a vine, bush, shrub, sapling, tree or crop standing or growing on the land of another or upon public land.

Trees may be removed by filing an application for a permit for removal with the City Tree Commission and obtaining such permit in writing. Applications shall be available in the City's Safety-Service Director's office. Any violation of the section will result in a penalty as described in section 557.99. (Can we add this to this section?)

557.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates or refuses to comply with any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Every person, firm or corporation shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each day during any portion of which any violation of any such provision is committed or continued.

Original penalty (but think we can get that to say \$250 plus treble damages):

557.99 PENALTY. Every person, firm or corporation who violates or refuses to comply with any provision of this chapter is subject to a fine of not more than \$500 per incident.

Can we have this (\$500) fine, or do we need to keep it as the ORC 901.51 reads and have it be a minor misdemeanor as in section 901.99?

3. e-Commerce Zone

Information on the e-Commerce Zone west of the handicapped places outside City Hall will be given at the April 26th council meeting. If there are problems, Mr. Wilber will let us know.

7:05 p.m. Motion to adjourn Beth Gillman, second Margaret Phillips

Next month's meeting: → May 24, 2016, 6:30 p.m., City Hall Committee Room