

ORDINANCE NO.: 24-1241

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A TREE COMMISSION IN COMPLIANCE WITH 541.06 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TREES, AND DESTRUCTION OF SHRUBS, TREES OR CROPS.

WHEREAS, the Village, desiring to benefit from service and funding resources through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Urban Forestry, to receive a new planting design of trees within the rights of way and on municipal property at no charge to the Village, establishes a Tree Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSSELLS POINT, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1: A Tree Commission of the Village of Russells Point, Logan County, Ohio is created and established.

SECTION 2. The primary purposes and objectives of the Tree Commission shall include the following:

1. The Commission, when requested by Village Council, shall consider, investigate, make findings, report, and recommend upon any special matter or question regarding public or private trees per Village Ordinance Section 541.06.
2. The Commission cannot obligate the Village to any financial indebtedness, and is limited to considering investigating, making findings, reports, and recommendations per Village Ordinance Section 541.06 to Village Council.
3. To hold regular and special meetings at which the subject of trees insofar as it relates to the municipality may be discussed by the members of the Commission, officers, personnel, and Council committees of the municipality and all others interested in the tree program.
4. To disseminate news and information regarding the selection, planting, and maintenance of trees within the corporate limits, whether the same be on private or public property.
5. To establish the recommended species and varieties of trees to be planted in the boulevards.
6. To implement an Arbor Day observance on an annual basis.
7. To establish and maintain, on an annual basis, an inventory of Village street trees.

SECTION 3. The membership and terms of the Tree Commission shall be as follows:

1. The Commission shall consist of five (5) members. Additionally, one member of Council and the Village Administrator, or where the Village operates without a Village Administrator, the Mayor, shall act as advisory members of the Commission.
2. The Mayor, subject to the approval of the Village Council shall appoint all members of the Commission.
3. The Chairperson of the Commission shall preside over all meetings of the Commission and act as parliamentarian. The Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson in his or her absence. At the first meeting upon establishing the Commission, and then at the first meeting of each new year, the Commission members shall first elect a Chairperson and then a Vice-Chairperson, using the following procedure.
 - a. Voting on Chairperson, then when completed, Vice-Chairperson
 - b. From the floor
 - c. Call out name
 - d. A Commission member can nominate himself/herself
 - e. A nomination does not need a second
 - f. A Commission member cannot nominate more than one person until everyone has had the opportunity to make nominations
 - g. A member can rise and decline the nomination during the nomination process
 - h. After each nomination, the Administrator/Mayor states: "_____, for Commission Chairperson/Commission Vice-Chairperson. Are there any further nominations for Commission Chairperson/Commission Vice-Chairperson?"
 - i. Administrator/Mayor will close nominations when it is apparent no further nominations come forward from the Commission members with unanimous consent being expressed on record by all Commission members, Administrator/Mayor calling the roll.
 - j. The Vote
 - k. The vote is taken by voice vote
 - l. When more than one person has been nominated and the election is by voice vote, the Administrator/Mayor takes the vote on the candidates in

the order in which they were nominated. Members must remember to vote yes for the candidate that they want and vote no for the other candidates.

- m. The first candidate to receive a majority vote wins.
 - n. After each vote, the Administrator/Mayor announces either:
 - o. The ayes have it, Commissioner member A is elected Commission Chairperson/Commission Vice-Chairperson
 - p. The nos have it, Commission member A is not elected.
4. Appointments to the Commission shall be for three (3) year terms, provided that the term for one (1) of the members appointed to the first Commission shall be for one (1) year and one (1) of the members appointed to the first Commission shall be for two (2) years. In the event that a vacancy shall occur during the term of any member, his or her successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of said term.
5. The Commission members shall serve without compensation.
6. Any Commission member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings or more than fifty percent (50%) of the regular meetings on an annual basis shall be removed from the Tree Commission.

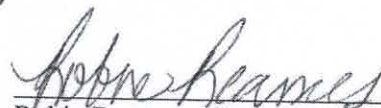
SECTION 3. The meetings and procedures of the Tree Commission shall be as follows:

The Commission shall choose its own officers as provided for above, make its own rules and regulations, and keep a journal of its proceedings in compliance with the Ohio Open Meetings Act. A simple majority of the members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. All plans, findings, advice, reports, and recommendations of the Commission shall be in writing.

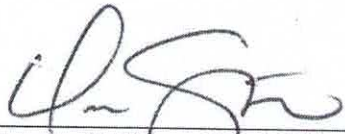
SECTION 4: All prior legislation, or any parts thereof, which is/are inconsistent with this Ordinance is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereto.

SECTION 5: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this council and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed in Council this 15 day of July 2024.



Robin Reames, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Vanessa Stidham, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED:

Approved as to form this 15 day of July 2024.


Lynnette Dinkler
Village Solicitor