

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole
January 11, 2016

Members: Mrs. Pyke, Chair
Mr. Pallotta
Mr. Rubino
Ms. Nichols-Rhodes
Mr. Brillhart
Mr. Miller
Mr. James
Mr. Iona
Mr. Colavecchio
Mrs. Klinger
Mr. Iula

Mrs. Pyke called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. All members were present.

Discussion:

Mayor Walters indicated that there are appointments for the Historic and Design Review Board, Tree Board, Cuyahoga Falls Library Board and the Boston Township JEDD Board. The Mayor stated there are also positions that are still being advertised and will be announced at a later date.

Mayor Walters' appointments for the Historic and Design Review Board were Mr. Joel Testa and Ms. Kathy Hummel, and are reappointments. For the Tree Board, the appointments were Mr. Vohn Adams and Ms. Cheryl Manson. He indicated that Mr. Adams was a reappointment and Ms. Manson was a new appointment and she was present and available for questions. For the Cuyahoga Falls Library Board, Mr. Richard Rubin is being reappointed. Ms. Joanne Green no longer wishes to serve on the Board, so the Mayor indicated he will continue his search for that position. For the Boston Township JEDD Board of Directors, Mr. Russ Iona, Mr. Russ Balthis and Mr. Bryan Hoffman are being appointed to a four-year term.

Mrs. Pyke then gave Ms. Manson an opportunity to speak before Council. Ms. Manson stated she was an OSU Extension Master Gardener and volunteer coordinator for the OSU Extension. She indicated that she has strong connections to the OSU Extension and faculty, and they would be happy to offer their assistance and support to the city. Ms. Manson also indicated that the Master Gardener Conference was to be held at the Sheraton Suites on September 15th and 16th of this year, with the keynote speaker being Mr. Michael Dirr, a preeminent author and expert on trees and shrubs in this country. She expressed thanks to Mayor Walters and City Council for the opportunity to serve on the Tree Board.

Mrs. Pyke thanked Mayor Walters for reappointing Mr. Testa and Ms. Hummel to the Historic and Design Review Board, noting the need for continuity because of the amount of knowledge and information shared within the Board.

Mr. Miller moved to approve the Mayor's appointments, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed (11-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.