Members Present:  
Audrey Kessler  
John Belfiore  
Andrew Scholl  

Staff Present:  
Brad McKay, Facilities Mgr. /Arborist  
Rebecca Swauger, Account Clerk  

Absent:  
Peter Kierstead  
Andrew Roland  

I.  Call to Order  
Meeting was called to order at 5:15 by Audrey Kessler  

II.  Roll Call  
Audrey Kessler, John Belfiore and Andrew Scholl.  Staff members Brad McKay and Rebecca Swauger  
Were also present.  

III.  Approval of Minutes  
Andrew Scholl made a motion to approve previous minutes, second motion made by John Belfiore.  

IV.  Staff Report  
Mr. McKay stated that with it being winter, Central Maintenance has not been in full tree mode.  Only some trimming is being performed at this time.  

V.  Old Business  
Mr. McKay said that at the end of 2018 there was money available for the tree software, this should be complete in 2019.  There was a tree that fell down behind the Fifth Third Bank that landed on some of the new plantings.  Mr. McKay discussed upcoming tree removals as well as planting on Beryl, Ivan and Chadwick.  

VII.  New Business  
The focus for spring will be downtown, trees that are dead or not looking great will be removed.  A different species will also be selected for downtown as well as elevated beds at Water and Main.  

Mr. Scholl asked if there would be beds in the North Water Street renovation.  

Mr. McKay responded yes, he said this renovation will help to push the downtown feel to the North Water Street area.  

Mr. McKay said that discussed areas that he thought needed attention, Mantua to Riverbend and Crain to University.  He said more landscaping with smaller space trees, these roadside trees cool asphalt and slow people down.  

Mr. Scholl asked if all the Ash trees have been removed.
Mr. McKay says there are still 20-30 out there, we are removing most of them ourselves.

Mr. McKay also spoke of redoing the island at Crain, Lake & Water, as well as replanting and reworking the area on South Water near Bob Evans.

Mr. McKay spoke briefly about The Tree City Awards, and whether anyone was interested in attending.

VII. Adjournment
Hearing no further business, Ms. Kessler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00pm, the motion was seconded by Mr. Scholl