

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Tree Board

Held April 16, 2024

Call to Order

Tree Board Meeting Call to Order at 5:21 PM

Sylvia Harlow	Chair	Present
Patricia Bond	Member	Present
Sharon Duff	Member	Present
Jeanie Gay	Member	Present
Erica Grooms	Member	Present

Staff Members Present: City Planner Nick Sorice, Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane, and Clerk of Council Amy Brown

Approval of Minutes

Tree Board Meeting Minutes - February 20, 2024

Mrs. Harlow asked if there were any changes or corrections to the February 20, 2024 Tree Board meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Business

Tree City USA Discussion

Mr. Sorice stated that the City did receive the Tree City USA status again. He thanked Mr. Shane and Mrs. Brown for their assistance with that. He reported that he and Mr. Shane will be attending the Tree City USA awards on April 19 in Tipp City.

2024 Arbor Day Program

Mr. Sorice commented that there would be an Arbor Day educational program on April 26 at the Payne Rec Center. He explained that participants of the program can make a tree ring keepsake, go on a word scavenger hunt through the park to learn about trees, and much more. He reported registration can be found at the moraineparksandrec.com website. He noted the Mayor would also read the Arbor Day proclamation at the April 25 City Council meeting.

Mulching Your Trees - Information

Mr. Sorice stated there was information included in the packet about mulching trees. He noted that trees were not originally designed for urban settings, so the importance of oxygen, water, and nutrients are important when it comes to planting and mulching trees. He explained that this article describes the proper mulching techniques and the type of mulch to use.

Mrs. Harlow asked if there should be mulching done at the base of a tree.

Mr. Sorice replied, it does depend because some people will stack mulch pretty high up on the trunk and that could damage the roots and prevent water from reaching down to the roots. He stated he would find out more information on that.

Other Business

Mr. Sorice stated he would be taking over the Tree Board meetings in the future, and thanked Mr. Shane for filling in after the previous City Planner left.

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Mrs. Duff asked if they would be planting any more trees.

Mr. Sorice replied the Street Department does keep track of the trees that are planted throughout the City.

Mr. Shane stated in the past, they relied on the Keep Montgomery County Beautiful Grant to purchase trees to plant in the City. He stated the grant was \$1,000.00, and noted the last time they received the grant, he was only able to purchase 6 trees because they were so expensive. He commented on the pine trees near the Rec Center that need to be taken down because they are dying and look terrible.

Mrs. Grooms asked if those trees were diseased.

Mr. Shane responded, he wasn't sure, but they look like they have some kind of disease to them because they have been progressively turning brown and dying.

There was a brief discussion about a possible tree donation program or memorial tree program for the City.

Adjournment

Adjournment at 5:34 PM



Sylvia Harlow



ATTEST: Clerk of Council Amy Brown