

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Tree Board

Held June 18, 2024

Call to Order

Tree Board Meeting Call to Order at 5:25 PM

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

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

Mrs. Bond made a motion to excuse Mrs. Grooms from tonight's meeting.

RESULT: Passed, *(Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: Patricia Bond
AYES: Sylvia Harlow, Patricia Bond, Sharon Duff, Jeanie Gay
NAYS: None

Approval of Minutes

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Mrs. Harlow asked if there were any changes or corrections to the April 16, 2024 Tree Board meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Business

Arbor Day Summary

Mr. Sorice reported that Mayor Murphy read the Arbor Day Proclamation on April 25 at the City Council meeting, and added that was a piece of what is needed as a requirement for Tree City USA. He noted that on April 26, the Parks and Recreation Department held an Arbor Day event which included a scavenger hunt and educational activities.

Mr. Shane stated they did a program on Arbor Day called Speak for the Trees. He commented that activities included a tree cookie keepsake, a tree scavenger hunt, and a matching tree memory game.

Mr. Sorice noted that at the last meeting, there was discussion about tree additions in the parks along with a memorial tree program. He explained he would be discussing that during the upcoming Master Park Plan meetings. He stated that would give them an opportunity to get feedback from the community, and added it would be beneficial to have some planned tree designs throughout the City's parks.

Bare-Root Tree Planting Guide

Mr. Sorice reported he included an article from the Division of Forestry in tonight's packet. He explained the article recommends using trees that are native to Ohio, and mentions the appropriate trees to plant in Ohio. He commented that the article is a guide that lists proper tree spacing, proper soil, and proper light exposure for specific trees, and added it was a useful guide for tree planting.

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Other Business

Mrs. Duff remarked that she was at Deer Meadow Park last week, and noticed the newer trees that were planted looked like they were dying. She asked if the dying trees would be replaced.

Mr. Shane replied that those trees came from the Keep Montgomery County Beautiful Grant, which they didn't apply for this year. He explained they didn't have a vision of what to do, and he didn't want to apply for a grant and then do nothing with it. He stated he would go and try to assess the trees in that area. He commented that they keep planting trees in that area, and they just keep dying, and added it may be because of the ground on that side of the park. He noted that trees are growing where the disc golf course is, but he thought the soil on the other side was clay.

Mr. Sorice suggested a soil test analysis for specific trees could be done in connection with the Master Park Plan.

The members determined the next meeting would be Tuesday, August 13 at 5:10 PM.

Adjournment

Adjournment at 5:32 PM



Sylvia Harlow



ATTEST: Clerk of Council Amy Brown