



CITY OF FAIRVIEW PARK

20777 Lorain Road

Fairview Park, Ohio 44126-2018

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Eileen Ann Patton, Mayor

Shade Tree Advisory Committee (STAC) Minutes January 10, 2019

Meeting began at 6:06pm with the following members present: Steve Baker, Mary Alice Mastrovito, Kate McCarthy, Doreen Papajcik, Penn Berens and Mike Varga. Absent: Matt Misencik.

Doreen received note from Mayor Patton requesting to continue in this role. Doreen graciously agrees. Steve resigns due to family commitments. Sad to see him go, we are grateful for his contributions and we hope that Steve will join us on weekends and at events. Our replacement suggestions will be submitted to Mayor Patton.

I. Most Valuable Tree (MVT): Intent: Educate the public about the wonderful value of TREES!

- We'll repeat our program in 2019, but with no connection to Summerfest.
- Tentatively, we'll do at Summer Solstice on June 21, 2019
- Discussed nomination process for MVT - frequency of recognition, should we include residents' name?
- Strong push to nominate trees on schools, parks and other city properties
- Signage for Bain Park MVTs: reviewed drafts and provided input

II. Campus Drive Trees: -Discussed potential trees – would be nice to have some evergreens to provide more beauty

- this area gets heavy foot traffic for many sports/activities.
- suggest Dawn Redwood alternating with Katsura. Tulip poplar as another lovely option-
- Suggest sidewalk-to-street Mulch Bed- easier for mowing
- Need liaison between school and STAC – will ask Matt

III. Planning Suggestions for 2019:

A. Dedicate time during meeting and beyond to see what we really want to be doing:

- Where can we make the biggest difference? (Support the arborist, or educate groups within community, etc.) To do:
 1. Have a meeting with Key City Staff.
 2. Arborist Mike will ask Director Shawn to come to our next meeting on 2/14/19, to assure that we are on the same page/what are his expectations? We can meet earlier than 6p, if Shawn requests.

B. Community Involvement Opportunity: community work days at Bain or Grannis on April 13 from 10A-1P– need to check with city first, if there are publicity events happening? (STAC can do some physical work before events, or as part of, or in conjunction with City publicity events).

C. Discussed creating a New Pamphlet that we can hand out to new tree owners to give out as we notice new trees planted on private lawns or tree lawns. "On behalf of the STAC, thank you for placing a new tree in our urban forest! Here are some suggestions on how to best care for this tree in the first five years"

- Include deer protection instructions: Put the new tree in the ground; place (4) 1"x1" x 5' stakes around tree, 12" away from trunk. Place 5' Metal cage around tree. Backfill tree hole. (Galvanized, stout Metal cage readily avail at Home Depot or Lowes. Gives 18-24" of metal around tree, protecting trees for up to 10-12 yrs., depending on species).

IV: City Update (Mike):

1. Nelson Russ Park – lots of cool things in there. Wet with all the rain and snow
2. Grannis – lots of new plantings, redbuds removed
3. Lorain Rd at W 220 – what tree suggestions have we given for plantings?
4. Lorain Rd Project- W223- Concern: will trees/plantings block the line of sight?

V: Community Meeting on Jan 16, 2019, 7pm, City Hall. -Doreen will attend as STAC rep and will share that we are:

1. Planning volunteer work days at Grannis and/or Bain-we hope community members will join us😊.
2. Identifying MVTs- and we hope that our community gets to appreciate our beautiful, valuable trees!

VI: Next meeting: Thursday 2/14/19 at 6p at City Hall. Time may change based on Shawn's needs.

Respectfully submitted, Doreen Dever Papajcik

Cc: Mayor Eileen Ann Patton
All members of Council