



# 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 February 14, 2019

Meeting began at 6:06pm with the following member present: Kate McCarthy, Mary Alice Mastrovito, Penn Berens, Doreen Papajcik, Mike Varga and guests Ryan Ruffner, City Tree Technician and Dale VanZante.

Signed thank you/goodbye card to Steve Baker. Our replacement suggestion has been submitted to Mayor Patton.

We chose new positions:

Chairperson: Matt. Alternate Chairperson: Mike Secretary: Doreen Alternate Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Goals: 1. Draft of minutes next day to MA and Mike; then to committee within one week, then forward to Brooke via Mike. 2. Minutes to include Action Items (i.e., what person(s) volunteered to do, with dates).

Agenda Prep: MA currently does this; Doreen to start to learn agenda prep from MA

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I. Most Valuable Tree (MVT): Intent: Educate the public about the wonderful value of TREES!  
- Publicity will be through FB, PD, Observer, Fairview Park Web Page, through Denise Dunning (?)Channel 19 (for awards and signs). Reporters' choice that something is going to happen. Kate and Doreen  
- Tentative date: Summer Solstice on June 21. Inform Mayor/Council (Doreen to send Bridget an email) Kate will post on FB.  
- Per our timeline, now is time to begin nomination process. PLEASE complete all fields on form: address, tree name, resident's name and phone number. All STAC members please nominate. Discussion over who is able to nominate.  
- Strong push to nominate trees on schools, parks and other city properties  
- Matt has been doing wonderful work in identifying potential MVTs in Bohlken and Nelson Russ Park and he will continue doing this with intent to educate.

### A. Permanent Signage for Bain Park MVTs:

1. Reviewed materials ACM, 080 and CHPL Graphic with costs. Voted for mid-range prices. MA will submit to Mike for payment
2. Chestnut Tree Society created wordage for their 10x12" sign, thereby, larger sign than ours. They pay for their sign.
3. Project awaiting a group: Temporary signs on various trees: similar to what RR did with intent to educate the public. Possible project for scouts or volunteers in the community, garden club?

### II. Planning Suggestions for 2019:

A. Mike will ask Shawn to come to our next meeting on 3/14/19, to discuss our concerns and questions. We can meet earlier than 6p, if Shawn so requests.

### B. Community Involvement Opportunity:

1. Community work day at Nelson Russ (Grannis alternative) on April 13 from 10A-1P. (STAC can do some physical work before events, or as part of, or in conjunction with City publicity events). Notifications: Mike - cub scouts, Dale boy scouts, Kate - girl scouts. Kate will post on Facebook. Penn/Doreen/Kate will co-lead. Materials need to be figured out and Mike will get the Lowes card/make purchases.

### 2. Coe Creek signs:

- a. for along W 220? Mary Alice will ask Colleen Sliwinski for status update. Mike can help with instillation.
- b. Mike wonders where the Coe Creek signs are that were on Eaton.

### IV: Arborist Update:

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 through W229. Rt 10 Lorain Rd is National highway that a grant has been approved. Trees have to be moved back 4ft to protect the road. Concern with line of sight.

5. Mike looked at the trees planted between 1959 and 1963. Elizabeth St - Japanese Pogoda - Coffinberry - Elms, now with cavalier maples planted 1976 but they are dying. W210 so of Lorain - lindens planted 1963, trimmed by CEI- w202 circle K crimson maples planted-starting to show. W213 off Addington 1959-62 Norway maples. Nottingham Ester 1963 Norway Maples.

Ryan works on tree work, road work, sewer work. Need to hire 2 more dedicated tree people and us as STAC need to give advice. City did "needs analysis" with Jason Knowles in 2009. Help Mike to let the decision makers become aware of the status our city trees. Bring in neutral other to make plan.

Ryan could provide to MA a list of what he hears and what he is constantly being asked. E.g.; Painting wounds. Importance of pruning trees. We can do educational pieces. If appropriations increase, let's do something of value. Thomas Lane by Coffinberry - leave that as guinea pig to see what residents will do. Developer will plant trees. Mike had given them a list.

Young tree training program as educational opportunity - all members like this. Mike will pursue with Allen Siewert.

Asked Shawn about doing educational barbeque - can do as a group. No giveaways, except maybe ODNR saplings give away.

Mike is arborist- on each agenda have it delineated as "arborist update".

Ask Allen Siewert if he has suggestions - Doreen to remind MA.

Urban Forestry- MA will ask Allan what he sees with other cities handling trees maintenance.

Mike may study to become a certified arborist. Will order study guide.

Several of us going to Urban Forestry conference on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

V: Community Council Meeting on Jan 16, 2019, 7pm, City Hall. -Doreen did not go as STAC rep, so this information still needs to be shared at the next Community Meeting April 17 that STAC is:

1. Planning volunteer work day at Grannis and/or Bain- April 13 we hope community members will join us 😊.
2. Identifying MVTs- handout MVTrees nomination forms encouraging tree appreciation. VI: Other- Penn asked the interested visitor Mr. VanZante if he has any comments, and he replied that he wants to help us beautify and be involved in the city. His son is he Eagle Scout who planted trees in Bain Park last year.

VI: Next meeting: Thursday 3/14/19 at 6p at City Hall. Time may change based on Shawn's ability to join us.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Dever Papajcik

CC: Mayor Eileen Ann Patton  
All members of Council