



CITY OF FAIRVIEW PARK

20777 Lorain Road
Fairview Park, Ohio 44126-2018

- Established in 1910 -

www.fairviewpark.org

Eileen Ann Patton, Mayor

Shade Tree Advisory Committee (STAC) Minutes April 11, 2019

Meeting began at 6:06pm with the following members present: Penn Berens, Mary Alice Mastrovito, Doreen Papajcik, Mike Varga, Dale van Zante, and Matt Misencik

MINUTES: Minutes were received.

OLD BUSINESS: -reminder to update your volunteer hours.

1. Community Volunteer Day rescheduled from April 13 to May 11, 2019. 10:30-12:30. Location TBD.

A. Place cages and stakes and general young tree maintenance. Mike will check if city has plastic trunk protectors. Other supplies are gathered; cages are on East side of first bridge from cabin in Bain. MA will bring stakes.

B. Need to get the word out!! Penn will notify list of volunteers about this opportunity. Penn will notify Steve Owens. Mike will check with Bridget re: availability of marquis. Dale has Boy Scouts available to help.

2. State of the Community: Dale and MA had a table with:

A. Poster of 2018 MVTree Winners (Thanks to Dale for creating this). Some residents stopped by with good questions. MVTree nomination forms and tree education materials were distributed. Mike will attempt to reimburse Dale for the Kinko costs. Penn motioned we authorize release of Shade Tree Advisory Committee "Special Hold Fund" (Balance \$139) to pay for Dale's expenses. Doreen seconded the motion.

B. Trees that Matt had donated for this event were not used. Red Alder – suggest we plant this at Nelson Russ due to moisture. Dogwoods can go in Bain on 5/11/19 at Volunteer Day.

3. MA and Matt will go to Community Council meeting on April 17- will take MVTree 2018 Winners poster, and MVTree nomination forms.

LONG TERM BUSINESS:

1. MVTree:

A. Current nominations are VERY LOW. All encouraged to submit nominations. Deadline June 1, 2019.

B. Continue Facebook announcements and posts/Kate/MA/all.

C. Press Releases – no report. Encourage Doreen to post on City Newsletter.

D. Electronic Sign at City Hall- was posted 4/1; plan to have 5/1, 5/15 and 6/1.

E. How to best use MVTree Poster – Dale will ask Bridget/Mayor Patton if we can display it at Gemini. Then use the smaller 8.5 x 11 to post in public places – Doreen will place the 8.5x11" poster at the library w/nomination forms beside it.

F. Database of MVTrees – Penn is working on further development of this database with one page per tree.

G. MVTrees will have yard signs in place from 6/21-8/1/19.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Arbor Day Planning: Friday, April 26, 2019. Ceremony approximate start time of 10:30a. Ryan Ruffner is choosing a tree, and where to plant it.

440-333-2200 (City Hall) 440-356-4444 (Recreation Dept.) 440-356-4437 (Senior Life Office)

2. Urban Forest Condition Report- Penn says that this Report was started in 1959, updated in 1994. 2008 was the Investment Plan Summary, with the statement that every \$1 annual investment in trees brings \$2 in environmental benefit. Jason Knowles plan had a complete inventory, with recommendations. Our committee can update the inventory.

A. Discussion about planning. Jason Knowles is aware that we'd like his recommendations

B. What streets are utility companies going to tear up? We could focus on those streets. Dale recommended using Mastick/W210 as an example. Can we influence the contract?

C. W 210 from Mastick to Circlewood/Bohlken-Little Leaf Lindens were once recommended. Mike has asked STAC for recommendations. Can we remove the trees under the power lines? Our predecessors did have impact on council in the past. We can influence.

D. Discussion on "Tree Planning" will continue. Penn will approach Shawn re: our thoughts and the best way to progress.

3. Review/update volunteer list. Mike will get interested volunteer (Jessica Ruffner) contact information from Ryan.

4. There is interest in re-shaping a resolution for trees under power lines – Doreen will ask Mike Kilbane how to create an ordinance proposal to have NO TREES under power lines, In places where there are power lines or the tree lawn will not support a tree, there was discussion on the ability for Adopt a Tree Program to plant in the right of way on the main lawn.

ARBORIST REPORT – Mike Varga:

1. W228 street infrastructure- pipes had lots of tree roots in clay lines. This street is "Tree Enhanced". Look here for MVTree nominations.

2. 5281 Sherwood resident Kristen Butterfield asking if city can give recommendations for trees to go on tree lawns where prior trees were rotting. She is asking neighbors re: their interest.

3. Trees have been planted on school property as part of the renovation.

4. STAC to look into discrepancy where city code, recommended trees, and banned trees are no longer in sync.

OTHER:

1. Permanent Signage for MVTree at Bain Park will not be installed till May 2 at earliest.

2. Community Involvement: Perhaps offer (1) day Young Tree Academy Workshop. Mike will call Allen to get on calendar.

3. There is an opportunity to contact CLE water and First Energy to replace trees they removed. Doreen will again contact water co and then come to Mike for details/direction.

4. STAC questions for the city will be covered in May 2019 agenda when Shawn is present. MA and Mike have the questions.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES to discuss May 2019 meeting:

1. How do we educate/energize the public to utilize their front and rear lawns to help us re-forest FP?

2. Prepare a resolution to City Council recommending that no more trees be planted under power lines.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Community Council Meetings for 2019: 1/16, 4/17, 7/17, 10/16 at 7p

The next STAC meeting will be held Thursday, May 9th at 6p at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doreen Dever Papajcik

Cc: Mayor Eileen Ann Patton

All members of Council