



# 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)

August 8, 2019

Meeting began at 6:03pm with the following members present: Penn Berens, Doreen Papajcik, Matt Misencik, Mary Alice Mastrovito and Kate McCarthy. Absent: Mike Varga and Dale VanZante

July Minutes are approved.

### Old Business:

1. MVT: harder to contact residents. Thanks for Facebook postings, Kate and MA. Suggestions:
  - a. Can City Hall help to identify owners of property where tree is nominated?
  - b. Change timing of our event so it doesn't interfere with Summerfest
  - c. Suggest to get nominations in by Arbor Day 2020
  - d. City Photographer take photos of the MVTs to increase publicity
  - e. Distribute the work next year amongst all members STAC – too much work for few
  - f. Use "iTree" by Davey Tree Company for more data re: value of trees
  - g. Clarify if Thank You's were sent out
2. Permanent Signage:
  - a. We are observing lots of people stopping and reading the permanent signs. Yay!
  - b. Plan to pick 4-5 trees in all the City Parks and label them
    - i. Bohlken, Nelson Ross, Grannis, Moreton, Tri-City (do we have rights there?)
    - ii. First, check \$\$ balance and assure we have funds

### Long Term Business:

1. Volunteer Day: Sat 8/24/19, 12noon-2p.
  - a. Kate has confirmed with Jennifer of Girl Scouts.
  - b. Penn will send notice to current volunteer list
  - c. Tasks: add tree guards, pull weeds around base of tree, get mulch/wood chips
  - d. Check with City if there is follow up plan in maintenance of the work recently done at Grannis
3. Community Council: At July meeting, Penn asked for support for the Canopy Grant. Grant submitted.
  - a. Kate will attend next meeting, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7p at Dunson
4. Summerfest 2020: STAC will not participate with a table.
5. Arborist Report: No report

### New Business:

1. No Mow Zone: STAC remains advocating for significant "No Mow Zone". Intention: Reforest and Educate.
  - a. Advantages:
    - i. City saves resources on mowing- (personnel, fuel, equipment)
    - ii. Benefits for flora/life of trees
    - iii. Education about Plant Succession –
      1. Identified HS teacher Colleen Sliwinski as potential partner
      2. Young Tree Training Opportunity
      3. Scouts and Forestry Badge Opportunity
  - b. Need wood chips around solo trees for protection from mowing equipment
  - c. Need "markers" in parks to identify No Mow Zone so workers are clear
  - d. Discussion on use of Round Up and herbicides – identified educational opportunities with intent to change attitudes and practices for benefit of trees/flora/life.
  - e. Doreen has photo of Metroparks No Mow Zone as guide.
2. Boy Scouts: Jon Seabeck reports desire to help with Parks Restoration - we accept and will involve Scouts
3. Group voted to not meet in July and August beginning 2020
4. Mayoral Candidate Russo expressed interest in attending our meeting. Doreen to reach out to Russo and Cooney to come to our meeting(s) – allow 5" each to talk about how they can further our STAC cause.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2019 at 6:00pm – meet at Grannis. Outdoor Meetings allow us to appreciate our parks. MA will be absent.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doreen Dever Papajcik

Cc: Mayor Eileen Ann Patton  
All Members of Council