



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)

October 12, 2019

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

September Minutes reviewed and approved.

Going forward, any expected visitors need to be on the agenda.

Penn reviewed a tree situation on Hillsdale, where the bark was rubbed dramatically by deer, which endangers the tree's survival. Action Item: STAC ought to educate citizens yearly, from August onward, on how to protect trees from deer rubbing. Can use the FP Facebook Page, and the City Newsletter. Responsible person(s) - _____

Old Business:

1. MVT – can use the app iTree by Davey Tree Company, or other such apps, – for purpose of rating trees.
2. Permanent Signage: no further signs for 2019, besides the allotted 8 signs. Budget is closed.
 - a. 2 trees signs to go in each park (Bohlken, Grannis, Nelson Russ and Morton).
 - b. Keep Permanent Signage as agenda item
 - c. Review the # trees that already have signage, and accompanying costs. – Responsible person? _____
 - d. Matt will communicate with MA re: future signs.
3. New trees planted on Campus Drive/Grannis Park. City will water. Biochar helps. Neighbors can help water – but need a citizen to organize. – Doreen declined - but is city's watering enough? - Mike, please advise.

Long-Term Business:

1. Community Council-
 - a. Next meeting is Wed 10/16/19: Kate will attend (@7p Dunson Room).
 - b. All STAC members encouraged to attend when you can
2. Cuyahoga County "Healthy Urban Tree Canopy" Grant- FP awarded money (Thank you, Penn!), to be used to:
 - a. Plant ~100 trees on Lorain Ave in potentially non-optimal location. (city will need to replace trees lost within 5yrs).
 - b. Hire Jason Knowles to update the tree inventory. Highly valuable; this helps with Master Plan.
3. Role of STAC – (City Arborist shall be ... voting member). Arborist Mike distributed Chapter 150 of FP Code of Ordinances, which describes STAC Creation...Powers and Duties: (Thank you, Mikel!). Summary here:
 - a. Formulate and recommend to Council a Master Shade Tree Program for all major thoroughfares;
 - b. Encourage...placement of specific trees according to ...relation to nearby buildings and roads;
 - c. Review and make recommendations to Council and the Admin...regarding the situation of trees in each of the municipal properties;
 - d. Promote and encourage the planting of trees throughout the City;
 - e. Create and implement activities to increase the residents' awareness of the importance of trees for the community;
 - f. Make recommendations to Council and the Administration regarding the preservation of existing trees;
 - g. Make recommendations consistent with the City's annual appropriations.
4. STAC current opportunities for recommendations to Council and Administration:

- a. No Tree Plantings under Power Lines – need to present rough draft of ordinance to Mike Kilbane (Doreen? – ok, but I need a helper)
 - b. Go to City Council meetings to learn of Neighborhood Associations, besides these listed. Intent: help with increasing canopy (i.e., encouraging residents to plant trees on private property). _____
 1. South Sagamore
 2. Krissy Butterfield on Sherwood
 3. Coffinberry
 - c. “No Mow Zone” at Bain Park et al parks/city properties. Intentions: Reforest, Educate, Increase residents’ awareness of importance of trees for community; i.e., allow small trees to grow, avoid compaction around trees, and create Riparian Zone. Need to publish so public can read about it.
 1. Need council support. First, draft an ordinance to present to City Council President Mike Kilbane – who will do? (see 2 and 3) Matt/Doreen??
 2. Dale will reach out to Eagle Scouts who did Rain Garden at Nelson Russ, and see if they are willing to take on this project.
 3. Doreen reminds the group that Girl Scouts also want to be included in this opportunity. Doreen to reach out to Ann Ross/Kate can reach out to her Scouts contacts.
 - d. Doreen suggested Proposals to include in our Master Shade Tree Program:
 1. 25yr Plan to quadruple Fairview Park Canopy. Topic of Conservation Easement was explored; need definition of what this is. Doreen to see if lawyer can come to the next meeting to expound further on defining Proposal/Conservation Easement.
 2. Suggest ordinance to require Permit if resident wants to remove Big Trees
 3. Limiting use of herbicides on city property...what are effects of such on young trees?
5. Other business:
- a. Dale moving to DC – can participate via phone, thankfully!
 - b. Provide on Agenda, a phone number that can be used to call in for members who are out of town.
 - c. Meeting Format Discussions:
 1. Moving meeting time to 7p to help with attendance?
 2. Limit meeting to 60 min or less. If visitor or special agenda, could be longer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23p

Next meeting: Thurs 11/14/19 at 7p at Dunson Room at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Dever Papajcik

Cc: Mayor Eileen Ann Patton
All Members of Council