

## FOREST BOARD MINUTES

August 8, 2018

Present: Chairperson Leah Netherland, City Forester Ryan Lewis, Shirley Robben, Gary Robben, Sarah Hitt, Rick Vissing, Mick Vissing, Gil Zinner, Michael Blum, Dale Kinney, Recorder Marie Eff

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Motion was made to approve the July minutes by Mick Vissing and seconded by Dale Kinney.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Leah reported our web page is outdated and will ask the archivist/mayor how to refresh the content.

Leah has been communicating with the water company about site selection for our water source in Curlew Park. Unfortunately, the city of Louisville owns the easement where we wanted to place the line. The installation will instead be on the other side of the park.

The hose hanger has been installed in Wren Park and is operational. We need to apply a water meter lock.

Leah reports few nurseries sell 3 gallon trees anymore. She will order bare root trees from the Arbor Day Foundation (and several other sources) which means we must plant the trees as soon as we receive them. For optimal growth the tree sites will be prepped this summer by removing the sod and applying several inches of mulch.

A hazard tree on Cardinal Drive on the country club easement has a large cracked limb hanging in the canopy. We are considering removal of the tree.

Thank you Mick and Rick for finishing the mulch pile in Curlew Park. We really appreciate the time and labor you give our parks.

FORESTER REPORT: Ryan will recheck the Curlew Park redwood tree to see if it needs removal.

Ryan will talk to the homeowner and neighbor about the failing tree at 1001 Audubon Parkway.

The list of hazard trees will be ready for the next meeting.

The structural pruning letter will be written this month.

BUDGET: There were no expenses to report for the start of the fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion of the draft overlay to the metro Louisville tree ordinance was as follows:

That "overhead transmission lines" be changed to overhead utility lines; that the section that says the forester "keep an inventory" be removed; that the "historic/landmark tree" section be removed; that instead of requiring the forester to "review each permit" the Forester shall be consulted on an as needed basis.

Leah suggested that for the next round of mulching we use (2) 17 year olds for \$24.00/hour. The Forest Board would then be free to focus on pruning and park maintenance.

We hope to use the mulch from the elm tree in Curlew Park for the swings in Oriole and Wren Park. If there is surplus we will use it for the park trees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mick Vissing', with the date '8/8/18' written below it.

ANNUAL WALK-THROUGH: August 11, 2018 8:30 am starting at Curlew Park with Ryan Lewis.

WORK DAY: Next work day is August 25, 2018 8:30 am for pruning and weeding in Wren Park.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held Wednesday September 12, 2018 6:30 pm at City Hall.

SIGNATURE OF CHAIRPERSON: *Frank Netteland* DATE: 10/31/18

SIGNATURE OF MAYOR: *[Signature]* DATE: 3/12/18

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