

FOREST BOARD MINUTES

July 11, 2018

PRESENT: Chairperson Leah Netherland, Mayor Dorn Crawford, City Forester Ryan Lewis, Dale Kinney, Michael Blum, recorder Marie Eff

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Motion was made to approve the June minutes by Dale Kinney and seconded by Michael Blum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Dale Kinney will install the hose hanger this month in Wren Park.

T's Trees has put in an estimate for removal of an elm and two stumps in Curlew Park. We are waiting for a bid from Sang Tree Service.

It was agreed that the chestnuts along Cardinal Drive between Crossbill and Dove Road need to be pruned.

Using the Metro Louisville tree ordinance as a template, Leah proposed additional provisions for Audubon Park's tree ordinance to strengthen our forest mission. Discussion will continue next month.

FORESTER REPORT: The Arborist Pruning Project has been started where approximately forty right-of-way trees identified by Ryan as needing structural pruning, would be pruned by Limbwalker. The homeowner pays \$100.00 for the service and the city pays the remainder. The program is intended to cover the trees for approximately six years (or three prunings). This is the first year, then the tree is pruned again in three years, then a third time three years later. Ryan will make a list of the homeowner's names and phone numbers, a method for billing and payment, revise the explanatory letter for the homeowners, and speak to the homeowner who has further questions about his elm tree.

Ryan is compiling a list of hazard trees which are primarily ashes, maples and oaks.

BUDGET: The Forest Board budget has been approved for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS: Leah proposed that we defer mulching until next year. Weather has been very hot and volunteers are fewer this year. The mulch pile in Curlew Park is almost finished and the other four parks were mulched last year. Park mulching is mainly for retaining moisture and less about an aesthetic appearance. Work days will now be geared towards shrub pruning in all five parks.

Forrest Keeling and Woody Woodhouse have been our tree suppliers but their inventories do not have the canopy trees we need. Leah is working on two new potential nurseries.

Leah has begun the process for water installation in Curlew Park. There may not be a water main on the Cardinal Drive side which is the preferred side for a water spigot.

Bernheim has agreed to provide fifty tree identifications for our more unusual park trees. A walk through will help us decide which trees will be tagged.

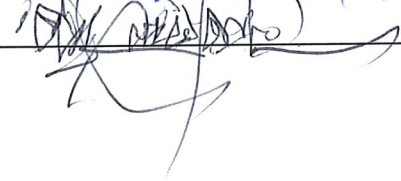
WORK DAY: August 11, 2018 8:30 am. Annual walk through all parks to assess the condition of our trees.



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NEXT MEETING: August 8, 2018

SIGNATURE OF CHAIRPERSON:  DATE: 10/31/18

SIGNATURE OF MAYOR:  DATE: 31 Dec 18


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