

FOREST BOARD MINUTES

MAY 9, 2018

PRESENT: Chairperson Leah Netherland, Mayor Dorn Crawford, City Forester Ryan Lewis, Nancy Shelton, Marie Eff, Dale Kinney, Mick Vissing, Rick Vissing, Michael Blum, Sarah Hitt, and Gil Zinner

REVIEW MINUTES:

Marie made a motion to accept the minutes without correction. Rick seconded the motion. All approved.

Leah asked for a volunteer to take the minutes since Nancy will be leaving the board when her term ends June 30.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Leah reported that 7 of 8 easement trees have been planted. The one not planted was because the homeowner has not responded to numerous phone calls about confirming placement of the tree. There was an emergency permit issued today so that homeowner will get the extra tree.

Leah reported that one Dogwood was planted in Henderson Park. The tree purchased for the site had to be returned due to root issues so a small tree from New Blooms Nursery was substituted.

Leah reported that once again the wrong street was marked in preparation for the Water Company to install the Henderson Park hose hook up spigot. Leah has contacted the supervisor and work is supposed to start this week. BC Plumbing is scheduled to come next Wednesday at 8 am to do their part and will return to hook up once the meter is in place. There was discussion of how/where to place a post to hold the hose hanger.

It was determined that no water bags have been placed yet. There was discussion of who will do which ones.

Leah reported that park pruning in Oriole and Curlew have been scheduled. Henderson Park pruning will be completed after the new budget goes in to effect on July 1.

Emerald Ash Borer treatment is scheduled and already paid for.

FORESTER REPORT:

Ryan reported that he met with the Superintendent at Audubon Country Club and they said they had no history with taking care of right of way trees on Cardinal. There are 6 Ash trees on that easement that will eventually need to come down. There was discussion of where the boundary line is and Dorn will talk to the new country club manager regarding this being their responsibility.

Ryan reported that there are 6 homeowners confirmed with right of way trees to be pruned under the new program. Ryan discussed the structural pruning of the Shelton's tree at 919 Audubon Parkway and its use as a teaching tool.

BUDGET UPDATE:

Dorn reported that he thinks our budget request can be funded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leah reported that the Garden Club is giving the city money to take care of maintenance of the Pope Rain Garden and the traffic triangle at Robin and Audubon Parkway by the gardener.

Leah stated that discussion of reducing the beds in Curlew needs to occur. so that less maintenance is required.



There was discussion of the new Metro Tree Ordinance in comparison to what Audubon Park currently has on the books. It was decided by consensus that our new ordinance might be made more robust than the Metro Ordinance. For example, the requirement of one right of way canopy tree for each residence is not unreasonable. Dorn stated that the new ordinance is in process.

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD:


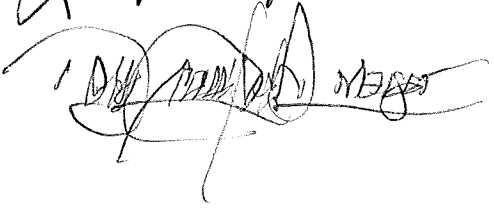
There was a question as to whether a permit was obtained for the 3 Ash trees that were removed on Thrush.

WORK DAY:

The next workday will be held May 26 in Curlew Park at 9 am.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

SIGNATURE OF
CHAIRPERSON

DATE

6/13/2018

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