

FOREST BOARD MINUTES

November 14, 2018

PRESENT: Chairperson Leah Netherland, Mayor Dorn Crawford, City Forester Ryan Lewis, Dale Kinney, Michael Blum, Gil Zinner, Sarah Hitt, Mick Vissing, Sallie Schoen, recorder Marie Eff

REVIEW OF LAST MONTHS MINUTES: The motion to approve the October minutes was made by Sarah and seconded by Mick.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: We are still waiting for the water company to install a water meter in Curlew Park. Our check has not yet been cashed.

Leah is still working on our Bernheim tree signage order.

There are 6 trees on order to be planted. Thirteen trees have been planted this fall with 6 more trees to be planted late fall.

The Forest Code has been presented to the council. A request has been made that a lawyer review it before passage.

FORESTER REPORT: Ryan presented an emerald ash borer update. Because our ashes are responding well to biennial treatment the Board wanted to know if treatment could be terminated. Ryan said that experts generally agree that treatment will be perpetual. Current research has nothing definitive for short term therapy. Ryan is awaiting further information from an emerald ash borer expert in Ohio.

HAZARD TREE UPDATE: A Sora homeowner will remove their maple. They have agreed to a new tree this spring. An Oriole homeowner will accept a new tree next spring.

BUDGET UPDATE: Our bookkeeper has not reported any bills this month.

NEW BUSINESS: We are planning park tree upkeep for the coming year. Tasks which need to be done are: weeding under the trees, mowing or string trimming under the canopy (with a second person holding up branches), hand weeding inside cages, and string trimming outside tree cages and under memorial benches. We hope to have Jason string-trim around the cages and under the benches. Marie will talk to our gardener about taking on the other tasks.

It is estimated that weeding under the trees in Oriole Park takes about 3 hours for 2 people every 6 weeks. We will estimate work time for the other parks based on our estimate for Oriole Park. Additionally, the Board will explore hiring a part-time weeder to supplement our current gardener.

A laminated card describing proper mulching technique will be added to the spring newsletter.

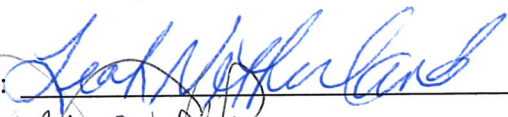
Leah reported that even though we had more rain than usual this year, for 12 out of 27 weeks there was less than 1 inch of rain. Since a new tree must have weekly watering to set up a strong root system, it is important to encourage homeowners to fill their water bags every week, even if it has rained.

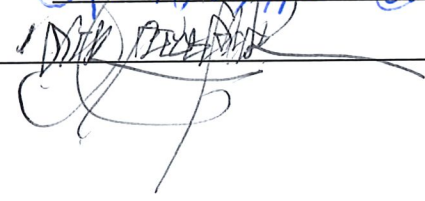
WORK DAYS: We will plant 6 trees when we receive them. Tree pruning will be scheduled as weather permits and in teams of 3 if possible. There are almost 200 trees to prune the next 3 months.



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NEXT MEETING: There will be no meeting in December. Next meeting will be January 9, 2019 6:30 pm at City Hall.

SIGNATURE OF CHAIRPERSON:  DATE: 13 Feb 19

SIGNATURE OF MAYOR:  DATE: 13 Feb 19