

FOREST BOARD MINUTES

September 12, 2018

PRESENT: Chairperson Leah Netherland, City Forester Ryan Lewis, Gil Zinner, Shirley Robben, Sally Schoen, Dale Kinney, Gary Robben, Mick Vissing, recorder Marie Eff

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Mick Vissing made a motion to approve the August minutes, Dale Kinney seconded the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The parks worksheet for summer/fall was reviewed; Curlew Park's butterfly bed has been removed, Wren Park's dead dogwood has been removed and a pecan tree has been planted at Linnet and Dove Lawn.

Dorn is reviewing our tree ordinance amendments.

There will be approximately 14 trees planted this fall. Several of these trees are bare root and will be planted in December.

A check has been mailed to the Louisville Water Company for the water line installation in Curlew Park. We will be \$500.00 over our budget estimate because the water line must be installed an additional fifteen feet for level ground.

Another limb has broken off a tree on the country club easement and littered a neighboring yard. The homeowner would like to see the offending tree removed. Our Audubon Park administration will negotiate with Audubon Country Club for resolution.

Leah will meet with Ryan this month to verify the identification of five park trees before sending our tree signage list to Bernheim.

FORESTER REPORT: Ryan has a list of 12 hazard trees of which half were recommended for removal. Leah asked that the hazard tree letter sent to homeowners include notice that a removal permit is required, even when the removal is mandatory. This will alert Leah to meet with the homeowner about a replacement tree.

Ryan compiled a list of 41 trees with structural problems. He is planning a letter to the homeowners explaining the tree's issues and how to mitigate its compromised structure.

The homeowner of the failing tree at 1001 Audubon Parkway is receiving bids on removal.

Ryan reviewed the status of our dogwoods last summer and evaluated them again this year. Their condition is the same to slightly deteriorating.

Ryan announced he left Limbwalker to pursue other interests.

BUDGET: \$100.00 was spent on tall stakes for our young trees and locks for the water spigot in Wren Park; \$1250.00 was spent for a new water meter.

We have a new lock for the water lever and a new cable lock for the water hose in Wren Park. Gary agreed to install the locks and Dale will install an eye hook if needed. Mick agreed to paint the post a



darker color to blend in more harmoniously with its surroundings. Leah collected unused pavers to surround the base.

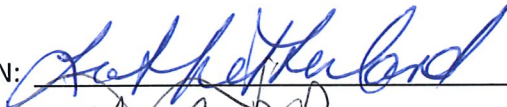
NEW BUSINESS: Leah has hired 2 young men who will spread mulch under the swings in Wren Park for \$12.00 an hour. The billing for mulching under the swings will go to Parks and Recreation.

Mick suggested we ask the city council to budget for a gardener who would routinely weed under the park trees. He pointed out that weeding under the trees is neither a garden club nor forest board duty and that volunteers cannot keep up with the volume of work.


Mick and Rick will dig the sod for the next 2 tree plantings.

WORK DAY: September 22nd 8:30am at Curlew Park.


NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held Wednesday October 10, 2018 6:30pm at City Hall.

SIGNATURE OF CHAIRPERSON: 

DATE: 10/31/18

SIGNATURE OF MAYOR: 

DATE: 31 Dec 18

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