

FOREST BOARD MINUTES AUGUST 9, 2017

PRESENT: Chairperson Leah Netherland, City Forester Ryan Lewis, Nancy Shelton, Gil Zinner, Marie Eff, Dale Kinney, Anne Bobigian, Rick Vissing,

The meeting convened at 6:45 pm due to difficulty gaining entrance to City Hall.

MINUTES: Anne made a motion to accept the minutes without correction. Marie seconded the motion. All approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Leah reported that Dorn has contacted the Louisville Water Company regarding the water meter for Henderson Park but they have not responded. Dale mentioned that possibly they had looked at the site as he noticed markings in place.

FORESTER REPORT:

Ryan reported that he looked at the dogwoods in Robin and Henderson Parks and found problems with both in terms of new plantings and long established trees. Audubon Park is unusual in the emphasis we place on our dogwoods. They are demanding and difficult to site. The biggest problem is usually dogwood borer but he did not see much evidence of this. Dogwoods anthracnose is another problem and it thrives in deep shade and moist condition. Most of our problems seem to be sun exposure (if nothing to shade from the SW then don't plant), damage to the base of the tree from mowers and string trimmers and planting grade and girdling roots. He will continue to go through the other parks inspecting the dogwoods for problems. He noted that between Robin and Henderson Parks there are only about 15 trees that are in good shape.

Leah reported that the owner of a Basswood on Chickadee called and wanted to take down his trees but Leah talked him in to pruning.

BUDGET:

The only July expenditure is Ryan's work hours.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leah reported that there are 2 confirmed Ash removals with another 6 still considering. There are 3 confirmed easement plantings. She questioned if it is possible to get more than one London Plane from Whitehall and whether native Sycamore is an alternate choice.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

A workday will be held this Saturday at 9:00 am in Henderson in order to spread the mulch pile.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

SIGNATURE OF _____ DATE _____
CHAIRPERSON