

Greenscape Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 20, 2014
Hornet Park Community Center, Room D

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Latimer at 5:00pm

Members Present: Dave Miller, Sister Sheila Fitzpatrick, Tim Latimer, Beth Berg and Brenda Wilson.

Members recapped the Arbor Day Tree Ceremony at Our Lady of Grace Monastery. It was well attended and the Scarlet Oak tree was in its full fall glory. Sr. Ann Patrice Papesh shared her photographs on Facebook. Sr. Sheila said about a dozen volunteers helped plant wildflowers and shrubs at the Peace Garden site.

Dave Miller presented a city sidewalk policy with engineering recommendations. He reviewed policies from several other cities and developed this policy which offers simple solutions for trees in conflict with city sidewalks. It offers flexibility as well and should be something the city can work with. Dave will email everyone a copy and if it is agreeable to all, he will send it to Brad Meriwether for consideration.

Beth Berg asked whether the city has a storm response plan as far as trees. Dave stated there is nothing in writing, but cities do often arrange with a tree care company to be their priority in case of a tornado or severe storm that takes down a number of trees. Tim Latimer will ask about this at the next Council meeting. This is a state specific question on the Tree USA application. The question is probably asked for informational purposes and not as a requirement for certification. If the city would have a storm response plan or tree management plan, it would need to be in writing for submission.

Beth will remind Brad Meriwether we need a report on city expenditures related to tree maintenance, removals and purchases for the Tree City USA application. The only other thing needed is the number of hours volunteered by commission members.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg
Secretary, Beech Grove Greenscape Commission